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The official added that, although the interrogators were "not the politest of men" they had standing orders not to strike any prisoner. He could recall only four cases of violations of this order during the past seven years and the interrogators concerned had been dismissed.

Mrs Langer's accusations have also been denied by Mr Yoram Dinstein, chairman of the Israel Branch of Amnesty International, who has said there was no evidence of mistreatment.

The International Red Cross, which sends representatives to visit the prisoners regularly, declined to comment on the allegations. A spokesman for the Red Cross office in Tel Aviv said only that they had been able to see the prisoners whenever they sought permission.

Nonetheless, Mrs Langer has obtained an order from the Israel Supreme Court calling on the Government to show cause why her allegations should not be investigated by an independent body. A hearing involving the specific allegations of seven of her clients has been arranged for next Tuesday.

The worst case among her clients, Mrs Langer said, was that of Suliman Il-Najab, a 40-year-old union organizer from Ramallah, who is an acknowledged member of the Jordanian Communist Party.

Mr Najab was arrested on April 29, she said, without specific charge and taken blindfolded to a military prison in West Bank territory. There he was forced to kneel on the floor, still blindfolded, while he was beaten with clubs. The interrogators, she said, had sprayed a chemical substance on his chest that left it painfully raw. Later he was confined in a 28in square cell that was only 5ft 3in high.

"The cell had a pitched floor made of sharp stone", she said. "He was barefoot, unable to sit or lie down."

Israel officials deny specifically that Mr Najab was mistreated.

Mr Najab's case is one of the seven that the Israel Supreme Court will hear next week.—New York Times News Service.

Jubilant Pakistan supporters surround Zaheer Abbas after his double century in the third Test match at the Oval. Report, page 13.

Victims of Richard III find a champion

New York, Aug 23.—The movement to win forgiveness for Richard III was penetrated yesterday by a latter-day prankster.

As every year on this date the following paid notice appeared in the "In Memoriam" column of *The New York Times*:

RICHARD III, KING OF ENGLAND.—Remember King Richard III, slain by treachery Bosworth Field, August 22, 1485. He contends the people where he goes best that ever did Prince. God hath sent him to us for the weel of us all.—Bishop Langton.—Linda B. McLatchie, Secretary-Treasurer, Richard III Society, Inc., 9 Weld St, Apt 48, Framingham, Ma 01701.

This was followed by a string of notices, headed Plantagenet. All were by sympathizers with Richard, the last of the Plantagenet kings, except for the first notice, which read:

PLANTAGENET.—Edward (King Edward V); Richard, Duke of York; Stafford, Henry Duke of Buckingham; Hastings, William, Lord; St Leger, Thomas, Sir; Grey, Richard, Lord; Woodville, Anthony, Earl Rivers; Vaughn, Thomas, Sir; Colyngbourne, William.

The advertisement, unsigned, had been placed by a resident of the East Side, not far from Tudor City. He could not be reached for comment.

The first two names are those of Richard's nephews—Edward, who would have been king had he survived, and Richard of York. History, as related by the Tudors and immortalized by Shakespeare, has it that their uncle had the boys smothered in the Tower of London, "the most arch deed of piteous massacre that ever yet this land was guilty of".

The other names are those of aristocrats allegedly slain by King Richard. His defenders mitigate these executions but deny outright that he slew his nephews.

The obtrusive notice was seen by Miss Marta Orbach, a longtime Richard defender who is writing a book about the late underworld figure Joey Gallo in the firm belief, she said, that "they both got bad raps".

Indignant, she called the classified advertisements department of *The New York Times*, which, when it learnt that she was not a relative of the deceased, referred her to the news department.

Mr William Hogarth, of Seacliff, New York, spokesman and former chairman of the American branch of the Richard III Society, was more philosophical about it.

"It must be somebody who had a bit of devilment", he said. "I wish it had been signed.... We've had people riding on our coattails before, with ads like ours; but never anything like this."

Mr Hogarth said that there were 1,000 Loyalists around the world, some of them in countries like Botswana and Afghanistan, but at least 400 in the United States.

With good humour, he conceded that the society's prospects for mass membership were limited. He recalled an editorial in *The New York Times* on the effort to rehabilitate Richard, which concluded: "But one wonders, are these proceedings wise? It makes one unhappy to have one's faith in villainy so rudely shaken. We need a villain or two to make our heroes look brighter."—New York Times News Service.

A similar memorial notice to Richard III appeared as customary in *The Times* on Thursday.

Ration sugar call by Sainsbury chief

By Hugh Clayton

Immediate sugar rationing would be necessary if the Government failed to ease the shortage by other means, the Sainsbury grocery company said yesterday. Mr John Sainsbury, chairman, said the Government seemed to have grossly mishandled the release of strategic stocks to retailers.

Reports from the company's 200 shops showed that supplies were worse than ever this week. "I have been keeping silent for months, but there is no point in staying silent now", he said.

Tate & Lyle, the largest refiners in the country, said, however, that they had delivered more sugar to the retail market this week than last. "We feel the situation will return to normal in a matter of weeks", a spokesman said.

The Ministry of Agriculture began a limited release of emergency supplies this week. But, as reported in *The Times*, that was too late to stop some shopkeepers having to buy sugar from abroad at half or more above the normal price.

Ministry officials were incensed at Mr Sainsbury's statement and believe that it will cause a new rash of panic buying.

And the independent grocers' National Food and Drink Federation said Mr Sainsbury's words were ill-chosen. Rationing would take longer than the shortage, it said.

Sir John Cohen, president of Tesco, said he did not favour rationing. "The heavy weight of publicity given to the shortage of sugar is having the effect of making the public stock up. We had a similar situation earlier in the year with toilet rolls."

The National Federation of Wholesale Grocers said: "Our members are getting on average about 65 per cent of what they want, whatever Tate & Lyle may say. The release that the ministry has made does not in any way fill the gap."

Some supermarkets say they will reject the state-supplied sugar, because it is delivered in hundred-weight bags. Shopkeepers may not sell it in bags that contain more than 7lb.

Spanish seek redress from UK Government

From Harry Debelius
Madrid

Spanish hoteliers, hurt by the Court Line collapse, decided yesterday to try to reclaim most of their losses from the British Government.

Their decision came after two days of talks in Madrid between Spanish businessmen, government officials and a negotiating team of three from the Association of British Travel Agents. The ABTA delegation promised to pay, from the trust fund, all hotel bills in Spain for board and lodging of Court Line clients as from August 15, plus similar bills for clients who arrived before the 15th but did not complete their scheduled holidays until after that.

The text of the agreement signed by Spanish officials and the British team was not immediately published, but it is understood that it would cover 20 to 30 per cent of the losses.

The talks at the Ministry of Information and Tourism, described by one of the ABTA team as "businesslike," ended with handshakes and smiles. But not everyone was satisfied. One of the Spanish delegates, Senor Jose Luis Perez de Rozas, president of the Majorca Hoteliers' Association, said: "We are surprised and indignant." Another, who did not wish to be named, said: "It is like a man who has had a leg amputated and they tell him he is lucky he didn't have both of them cut off."

Estimates of the losses from Spanish tourist industry sources ran as high as £1.5m, although an ABTA delegate said he had heard of an unofficial estimate of only £500,000. The exact figures are not available because accounts are still coming in.

Spanish hotels said they would try to reclaim the rest of the money through diplomatic and legal channels. They allege that statements made by the British Embassy in Madrid on August 16, and by Mr Wedgwood Benn in Parliament on June 26, amounted to a guarantee to pay all Court Line debts.

One Spanish delegate, Señor Manuel Navarro, of the Hotel Avenida, in Benidorm, said: "The lawyers have already begun working on our claim against the British Government."

After a tense start to the talks, the mood apparently improved yesterday when the British negotiators increased their original offer. The value of this additional guarantee is believed to be about a third more than the original offer.

After the crucial final session of the talks, Mr Norman Corkhill, of the British team, said: "Holidaymakers will now be feeling much happier. They can expect all the attention they could expect in the past."

Extra legal powers for the investigators

By Maurice Corina
Industrial Editor

Mr Rupert Nicholson, the special manager acting for the Court Line liquidator, yesterday successfully applied to the Companies Court for extra legal powers to untangle the complex financial affairs of the group.

All he would say after the private hearing before the Chief Registrar, Mr A. F. M. Berkeley, was: "My powers as special manager have been extended." They are now wider than usual, but yesterday's decision has nothing to do with a separate application yet to be made over moves by some travel agents to pay back money to disappointed holidaymakers.

Later, a statement from Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co, who are assisting the liquidator, said proposals concerning holidaymakers' advance payments in the hands of travel agents were being urgently examined.

It gave a warning that the liquidators of the individual tour companies must consider the proposals because they affect their companies, and "especially the interests of other creditors of these companies. Safeguards for the interests of these creditors must be the essential feature of any agreed scheme.

"The legal complexities and financial implications must be studied, the other large creditors consulted, and the approval of the court obtained before the proposals can be finalized. This must inevitably take some days."

Announcements would be made as soon as possible giving addresses to which holidaymakers and other creditors should send written claims. Meanwhile the liquidators appealed to creditors to await those announcements and not to telephone because that could only cause delays.

Yesterday Mr Nicholson spoke about his tasks in dealing with the main company's liquidation. He gave a warning that travel agents who had refunded money to holidaymakers could be sued for the funds. Travel agents acted at their own risk while a scheme was worked out, he said.

Negotiations had started with the Government on the sale of the shipbuilding interests, but because they were "delicate" he preferred not to comment. The tour operating companies had been making an "awful loss". Other companies in the group had poured all their money into that side, and the tour concerns were now "hopelessly insolvent".

Staff of Court Line would largely be made redundant, except for those needed to bring records up to date. But he did offer some hope for the 150 pilots. The liquidation of Court Aviation was a matter for his colleague, Mr George Dunkerley, as receiver and special manager. But it was ridiculous to think that Luton airport and the two Lockheed TriStars and nine BAC 1-11s should not be used. The pilots should not despair. He was sure some solution would be found.

Mr Dunkerley's problem is determining the value of the aircraft and the conflicting claims on the assets. Banking groups and financial institutions are involved in complex leasing and ownership arrangements, including those associated with Lloyds Associated Leasing and Airleasing International.

The shipping side seems to be becoming complex too. Yesterday the Companies Court heard two private applications to seek orders for the arrest of some unnamed Court Line ships. A merchant bank was given leave to start Admiralty Court proceedings, and an unnamed Dutch company sought similar permission for another ship.

New airline hope: Court Line pilots have been asked to work out a plan to operate an airline from Luton, using aircraft and crews from the Court company, Captain Colin Dawson, spokesman for the Court pilots, said last night (the Press Association reports).

The Court pilots had met Mr Deakins, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Trade, and Mr Eldon Griffiths, Conservative spokesman on trade, to discuss the feasibility of such a scheme, Captain Dawson added.

He said Mr Deakins had told the pilots that the study would be received sympathetically and would be closely examined with a view to government help.

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Union mobilizes for early general election

By Paul Routledge
Labour Correspondent

The first sign of mobilization of the labour movement for an early general election came yesterday from Britain's third-biggest union, the General and Municipal Workers Union, generally considered the Labour Party's closest ally.

All regions of the 860,000-member union have been advised in a circular to prepare for a possible autumn election, and the union's branches are being urged to offer help to constituency Labour parties. The efforts are being coordinated by the union's head office.

There has been widespread talk in the upper reaches of the trade unions of a general election on October 3 or 10, the first practicable dates after the Trades Union Congress is due to endorse the "social contract" with the Government on September 4.

Mr David Basnett, the union's general secretary, said last night that the Government had come into power at a time of economic chaos and social division and was "still blocked because of the position it faces in Parliament. Therefore we are committing ourselves to full support in the next election, when we hope a working majority will be achieved".

The GMWU, which sponsors many MPs, is to direct its electoral effort towards marginal constituencies and to those where its members are standing as candidates.

Dutch to service QE2 after British firms reject job

From Our Correspondent
Southampton

Cunard has decided to send the liner QE2 to Rotterdam for her annual overhaul this year after two British yards have refused the work.

The company said yesterday that the firm that usually overhauled its ships, Vosper Thornycroft, Southampton, had declined the job. "They were unable to take it on because of prior commitments. So the ship was offered to Scott Lithgow, on the Clyde, but they were also unable to undertake the work", the company said.

"Accordingly, the QE2 will have her annual overhaul carried out in Rotterdam from December 3 to 19, when the ship will be prepared for her maiden world cruise, which starts on January 4."

Councillor Lewis Goater, Mayor of Southampton, said he was very distressed and aggrieved" to hear that the ship was going to a foreign port.

Duty-free lake trips end

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, Aug 23

The Austrian authorities have ordered that duty-free trips through the "international" zone in the middle of Lake Constance must cease as from tomorrow.

Six nights a week since July 25, Sunday excepted, an Austrian lake steamer has sailed from Hard, in Austria, for Rorschach, in Switzerland and returned passing en route through a stretch of the lake which is effectively outside the territorial waters of Austria, Switzerland or West Germany.

In this area, the ship became a floating shop, selling to its 300 passengers duty-free goods, including spirits and tobacco. It has become a thorn in the side of the customs authorities.

Unable to find any law to apply, the Austrian Ministry of Transport has now "followed a recommendation" of the international customs office at Brussels that duty-free sales be limited to international airports and seaports. Giving effect to this, the Ministry of Transport has decreed that no Austrian vessel may be used for this type of business.

Cool reception for Soviet Cyprus conference plan

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

Britain has promised to give careful consideration to Russia's proposal for an international conference on Cyprus under the auspices of the United Nations. But Britain has also made it clear that it does not agree with it.

The Soviet plan was officially delivered yesterday to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office by Mr Lunkov, the ambassador, during an hour-long exchange of views with Mr Ennals, the Minister of State.

Both countries agreed on the necessity of enforcing the four Security Council resolutions on Cyprus. Mr Ennals outlined the diplomatic feelers that Britain had put out to discover whether there was enough common ground between the states involved, to enable the next round of talks to begin with reasonable prospects of success.

He pointed out that Britain had kept the United States and her partners in Europe informed during consultations with Greek, Turkish and Cypriot leaders.

He challenged two points in the Soviet statement, one being the suggestion that Nato powers had been intending to establish a Nato base on the island. Mr Ennals denied this, reminding Mr Lunkov of Britain's ambition to see Cyprus regain her position as a sovereign state.

Nor could he agree with the proposal that talks over Cyprus should be held within the forum of the United Nations. Resolution 353, the first of the Security Council resolutions, he pointed out, had called upon Greece and Turkey to open negotiations without delay to restore peace and constitutional government to the island.

It is likely that Mr Ennals will see Dr Waldheim, Secretary-General of the United Nations, on Tuesday, on his return from talks with Greek and Turkish leaders in Cyprus.

Britain welcomed his diplomatic initiative in an official statement from the Foreign Office yesterday. It said: "We will be willing to help in any way to ensure the success of his visit there. We hope it will enable the powers involved to come together to the conference table to discuss the long-term future of Cyprus".

Our Athens Correspondent writes: The plight of the Greek-Cypriot refugees and the tragic state of the island's economy, were main points in the talks that President Clerides of Cyprus had with the Greek leaders in Athens last night.

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Doubts raised on legal issue if 'patriotic organization' intervened in strike situation

By David Leigh

Colonel David Stirling's GB 75 organization, the latest of the self-styled patriotic movements to be planned as a private enterprise opponent to the unions, is legally speaking, an unknown quantity. Any active use of it in a general strike situation might lead into an area, where the law is little tested.

The Public Order Act, 1936, which was passed to meet street demonstrations and counter-demonstrations in the Mosley era, has been revived lately to deal with uniformed parades by Irish republicans, under section 1.

Section 2 of the Act deals with quasi-military organizations. It provides for prosecution if the members or adherents of any association of persons are "organized or trained or equipped either for the purpose of enabling them to be employed in usurping the functions of the police or of the Armed Forces of the Crown".

It is also illegal to organize, train or equip people "for the purpose of enabling them to be employed for the use or display of physical force in promoting any political object". To arouse reasonable apprehension that such is the case is also illegal, and the maximum punishment under the Act can be two years' imprisonment and a fine of £500.

It is up to the Attorney General to allow prosecutions under the Act, which will always have a strong political context, whoever it is used against.

The National Council for Civil Liberties believes the Act may be being broken. It also thinks that a charge of conspiracy to trespass might apply to proposals for taking over power stations.

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the former Lord Chancellor, thinks that Colonel Stirling has few legal difficulties at the moment. He said: "If you try to organize a private police force I think you are committing an offence under common law in any case. But all he has said is that he is going to have a list of names of people who can do particular things. Securicor, for example, is perfectly legal, and if you simply set up 'Strikebreakers Ltd' I don't think that would be an offence under the Public Order Act."

"But if you are talking of 'rounding people up', then the question might arise. At the moment, this plan is not an offence. Anybody can have a plan."

Colonel Stirling makes clear in his plans that he has a political object. "Once the organization is in an advanced stage, it will itself become a major deterrent to the calling of a general strike, and another important aspect is that we would deny the strike leaders the blackmail weapon which would be in their hands . . . we would thus provide time for the Government to negotiate without being under duress."

He has backed away from the direct "usurpation" of government powers, saying that a formal request from the government of the day must come first, before his "trained volunteers" would intervene.

It is clear that any scenario would involve physical confrontation and violence. If power station workers, for example, called a strike that threatened power supplies, the Government would probably declare a state of emergency.

If Colonel Stirling's men, or anyone else, tried to take over a power station without the permission of the Central Electricity Generating Board, they would be trespassing. The CEGB could take court action against them.

In a state of emergency the Government would have powers to call on volunteers, as in 1926, when it used volunteers to man the Underground. "You cannot use the forces of the Crown for strike-breaking", Lord Hailsham said. "In 1926 troops were used to transport food from the docks."

If volunteers were to be installed with the acquiescence of the Government, strikers might hold a "sit-in". The TUC pointed out yesterday that there have rarely been attempts to dispossess sitters-in. If fighting started, the police could enter to prevent assault and wounding and to maintain the peace.

How exactly they would interpret that task is something to which the Police Federation, the TUC and Lord Hailsham see no clear answer.

Lord Hailsham said: "Clearly if the people operating the power station were there as licensees, pickets who came in would be trespassers. There might be a question of the Statute of Forcible Entry. But that would not necessarily entitle those there to have a stand-up fight."

The Police Federation pointed out yesterday that when several thousand miners picketed the Saltley coke depot there was no way in which the police could keep it open.

The activities of both the Ulster Workers' Council and the IRA in "no-go" areas have demonstrated how fragile the constitutional constraints of British political life can be.

Mr Leslie Male, president of the Police Federation, said yesterday: "Our experience has been that when enough people decide to challenge the law there is not much the law can do about it."

When Colonel Stirling poses legal questions to his supporters, as he has been doing, it is clear that he is not thinking of undergraduates cheerfully driving trains without conflict, but of what would inevitably be a much more anarchic situation.

"If there is a sit-in . . . we might be obliged to round them up", he says: "What action will the police take if at that time . . . the Government has not yet fully assumed control of our organization?"

He goes on: "We will have to prevent the pickets or other strikers coming within the precincts of a power station to attempt to disrupt our volunteer workers, and resist to the best of our ability."

Colonel Stirling is plainly envisaging an organization designed to use physical force against strikers, if necessary.

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Whitelaw attack on 'silly statements'

By Our Political Staff

Replying yesterday to the allegation of Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Defence, that Conservatives are giving support to anti-trade union extremist movements, Mr Whitelaw, Conservative Party chairman, said Mr Mason "knows perfectly well that the Conservative Party leadership have always been in the forefront of standing up for our democratic parliamentary system".

On Thursday Mr Mason challenged Mr Heath, as Conservative leader, to dissociate himself from General Sir Walter Walker and Colonel Stirling, who have started movements to save the country from the chaos and disruption of political strikes.

Mr Whitelaw said Mr Mason was getting very excited about nothing and overreacting in an absurd manner. He continued: "The best service that Mr Mason or any of the rest of us in politics today, of whatever party, can render to the country is to prove to our people, by the way in which we work our parliamentary system of government, that it is going to serve them to the best advantage. Such silly statements as his do not serve that cause at all."

Earlier, in a speech at Hendon, Mr Whitelaw said it was a sign of the times that some people were casting doubts on the British system of parliamentary democracy to the extent of suggesting that a military dictatorship could come to pass.

He continued: "If we say this is nonsense, and nonsense it is, we must still recognize our duty actively to stand up for the parliamentary system we have, which is still the envy of the rest of the world. We cannot just take it for granted.

"It is up to us politicians of all parties to show by our words and actions that it will continue to work and that in our hands it will serve our people to the best advantage."

After deprecating the fashionable denigration of the City of London and British industry, Mr Whitelaw turned to the trade unions, which had helped to build up British prosperity and raised the standard of living.

In the trade unions, as elsewhere, he said, there were examples of irresponsible action, and "certainly there are human failings from both management and the trade unions in our industrial relations".

But, while not condoning irresponsibility or extremism in any form, none must forget that "there are many trade unionists in Britain who can boast a proud record of service to their industries and the nation".

The vital importance of strong and responsible trade unionism to the welfare of Britain must be recognized. To stand against the extremist minority was to stand up for the moderate majority of trade unionists in Britain today.

French incredulity: The French Press reported prominently the revelations about Colonel Stirling's GB 75 scheme (our Paris correspondent writes). Every time the news media take up the subject it has been with fascinated incredulity and to express a ringing confidence in Britain's continuing democratic way of life.

"A junta of colonels in power in Whitehall, Les Paras assuring public order: one thinks one must be dreaming", *France Soir* declared. It went on to explain why in the country of the "Mother of Parliaments" social tension has grown to such a pitch between the working class, represented by its trade unions, and the middle classes that the question can be seriously debated.

Le Monde, however, is so sceptical of the seriousness of Colonel Stirling's project that it believes that Mr Mason has reacted for the Government only because the alleged menace of a "fascist plot" is too good to be missed before a general election.

Woodland serenade: Young people listening to a guitarist at their encampment in Windsor Gre yesterday. A free pop music festival is due to start in the park today and thousands are expected to

Holidaymakers 'political footballs'–Mr Sh

Holidaymakers affected by the Court Line crash had been used "deliberately and cynically as a political football", to advance the political prospects of Mr Michael Heseltine, Opposition spokesman on industry and trade, and the Conservative Party, Mr Shore, Secretary of State for trade and industry, said last night. He continued:—

"Mr Heath would have been wise to have ordered Mr Heseltine to shut up long ago, for he must know that such naked opportunism will not impress but in fact repel the mass of fairminded people in Britain.

"In this whole sad Court Line affair we have yet to hear from the Opposition's vociferous spokesman a single word of concern or regret for the unfortunate holidaymakers. The serious underlying question is the relationship between government and private enterprise firms in distress.

"If the Opposition think that the Government should not help, then they should say so loud and clear. Let them say that, as far as they are concerned, private firms in difficulty must go to the wall, regardless of the loss of jobs, losses to their customers and the effect on the national economy.

"If, however, they think that the Government should do more to save private firms in the public interest, then let them either drop their preaching against government intervention and public ownership or let them tell the country that they are ready to meet, at the taxpayers' expense, the losses that private firms sustain."

Mr Shore is being asked by Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, Labour MP for Teesside, Thornaby, to extend the Court Line inquiry into all subsidiaries and associated companies, including A & P Appledore International Ltd, of which Sir Timothy Kitson, Conservative MP for Richmond, Yorkshire, and parliamentary private secretary to Mr Heath, is a director.

In a statement yesterday, Mr Wrigglesworth said: "Sir Timothy Kitson yesterday informed me he had no connexion with Court Line management; and that the links between A & P Appledore International Ltd, of which he is a director, and Court Line were tenuous. This was reaffirmed by Conservative Central Office.

"While it is true that Court Line own only 8,000 of the 20,000 A & P Appledore shares, I find that five members of the board and the company secretary are directors of Court Line and they include John Young, the managing director of Court Line. I also find that the offices of A & P Appledore are at the premises of Court Line headquarters at 9 Thayer Street, London, W1.

"I hope Sir Timothy will now explain exactly what his relationship with Court Line and its chief executive, John Young, really is.

"It would appear that there is some confusion over whether the Court Line aircraft used by Mr Heath at the last election was to be paid for or not. I think Mr Heath is honour bound now to ensure that full payment for these services is made. It could amount to £5,000 a week.

"I think it is regrettable that the Conservative Party's relationship with Court Line was not made clear earlier and I am asking Mr Shore to ensure that the inquiry covers the activities of all associated companies."

Mr Robert Adley, tive MP for Christch Lymington, called for mons select committee arguing that a departm vestigation was clearl cient when the Go had been given a w early as July 12 Line's true state of aff

Mr Clinton Davis, Secretary of State Department of Trade, Aviemore Labour Pa ing that Mr Heseltine irresponsible and u statements about the tion ordered by the ment into Court Line.

He said Mr Heseltin October last year apol to the Commons for a he had made about t train project. "It is this background that I tions must be weighed ABTA move: Accou the Association of Br vel Agents yesterday ing top priority to the financial affairs berer Travel (our News Staff writes). I ary, work will cont the weekend. The which operated Solair to Canada, has ceased pending a financial inq

British resorts hope for upsurge in home holidays

By Patricia Tisdall

Hopes were mounting in British holiday resorts yesterday that the Court Line collapse might help to revive the flagging home holiday trade. Mr Ewen Brenchley, senior tourist officer of the Isle of Wight Tourist Board, said that inquiries for accommodation during the week were twice the normal. Most of the callers, he said, said they were Court Line victims.

The Isle of Wight, like other resorts, expects to be as busy as usual during the Bank Holiday weekend. But it is doubtful if this will compensate for sluggish early season trade. The forecast for a boom in stay-at-home holidays appears not to have materialized. Even when numbers of visitors increased, hotels report bar and meal sales down.

Hardest hit have been the northern holiday areas which rely on industrial workers whose pay was severely cut by the three-day working. Visitors to the Isle of Man are down by about 10 per cent on last year.

Mr Sydney Shimmin, manager of the Isle of Man Steam Packet shipping company, an important carrier to the island, said that visitors from Scotland and Northern Ireland were particularly affected and there is no sign of arrivals overall picking up. To boost trade later in the year the company is offering a 50 per cent reduction on some fares.

The outlook is slightly more cheerful in the south and in the Channel Islands. The Jersey Tourist Board reports that arivals to the end of July are about 8 per cent up on last year with a greater proportion of inclusive holidays.

But, according to a survey by the *Catering Times*, traders at Great Yarmouth are complaining of their worst season for over 20 years, blaming bad weather and low spending by holidaymakers, for the downturn.

At Blackpool, bookings are said to be running slightly above last year's. Traders are relying on the illuminations later in the season to make up takings.

The ice cream trade which is closely linked with holiday business has also suffered. turers say that volum about 5 per cent do year's. The two main Walls and Lyons both cut back on casu as a result.

Inquiries about h Ireland have risen cent since the failure Line, the Irish Tou said yesterday. Holid to Ireland has been s by the disturbances in Ireland in recent year

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Voluntary civil defence workers may be advised to join forces with Unison

By Stewart Tendler

Leaders of 7,000 voluntary civil defence workers will meet tomorrow to discuss whether to recommend association with the Unison movement led by General Sir Walter Walker. Members of the National Voluntary Civil Services have expressed interest in Unison and asked their executive for advice and information.

The NVCS represents 1,900 people in 72 "operational units" and another 170 units of indeterminate status. There is some regional supervision but each unit is capable of operating on its own. London has 16 such groups; the one in Birmingham numbers 200 and has its own radio equipment.

The NVCS is not recognized by the Government but about half the 72 units get some kind of grant from local authorities, including those at Oxford, Birmingham, Bristol, Gosport and Teesside.

After the Flixborough disaster earlier this year 20 units stood by to help the authorities, and on other occasions help has been provided in feeding and telling people what to do. During an ambulancemen's strike in Bolton, NVCS members organized volunteers who drove the ambulances.

There is no doubt that the trained and experienced units would be a great help to Unison. In an emergency members could provide a regional network equipment and some idea of government emergency planning.

The executive would have to consider the status of the NVCS as a charity before recommending that units and members might join Unison; and those units receiving grants might not be looked upon so favourably if they did so.

The executive's decision will be discussed at a meeting of the NVCS council in Birmingham next month. The council comprises the executive and delegates from the "operational units".

"A new Churchill": The British Military Volunteer Forces organization announced yesterday that it completely supported Sir Walter, whom it described as "a new Churchill", and would be willing to join Unison (Martin Huckerby writes). Mr Paul Daniels, the chairman, said: "Britain needs a leader, and such a man, we believe, is General Walker."

His group had 1,367 men, most of them ex-officers and men of the Army or Royal Air Force. It had sent volunteers to fight in the Yemen and the Congo, and in the event of a collapse of government in Britain would help to maintain law and order as a sort of vigilante force.

Mr Daniels said he believed the country was "in deadly danger from various forms of subversion". Subversives were infiltrating the trade unions and political parties and sinister forces were trying to bring about a bankrupt economy. He thought pornography had something to do with it.

Mr Daniels, a former corporal and special constable who runs a small chemicals company in Hackney, east London, said anyone joining his organization had his background checked "to avoid communist infiltration". He added: "If the man has a red, white and blue background, then he is okay."

Colonel David Stirling, founder of Great Britain 1975, said yesterday that criticism of his group by Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Defence, was "blatant electioneering". He believed Mr Mason's remarks about a "near-fascist groundswell" were actionable, but said allowance should be made in view of the coming election "when politicians of all parties are a little liable to suppress the truth in favour of the current manifesto".

Colonel Stirling, who founded the Special Air Service during the war, said GB75 sought to provide a group, of a few thousand members at most, that would help to run power stations and other public utilities in the event of a general strike or major industrial upset.

It stood for the preservation of parliamentary authority, whichever party was in power, and would take the initiative only if invited to do so by the government of the day.

Mr Geoffrey Edwards, a millionaire and former arms dealer who lives in Jersey, said yesterday that he was willing to contribute to GB75. He had seen Colonel Stirling about three weeks ago and had offered a contribution on condition that GB75 was non-political. "I am as wary as much of the extreme right as of the extreme left", he said.

Colonel Stirling wrote in the private documents disclosed by *Peace News* that two people in Jersey were willing to finance GB75 until an appeal for funds could be made; he has since said that money is being obtained from several sources, particularly in industry.

Bridegroom tore up certificate after two days

Mrs Sylvia Hassane alleged in the London Divorce Court yesterday that her husband, a Moroccan national, married her so that he could remain in Britain. He tore up their marriage certificate after two days.

She was granted an injunction restraining her husband, Abdellattoif Hassane, from molesting or assaulting her and from entering the former matrimonial home in Longridge Road, South Kensington. Mrs Hassane, aged 26, who is living with friends in King's Road, Chelsea, was also granted an order banning her husband from the bank where she works.

Miss Marjorie Gillespie, for Mrs Hassane, told Judge Callman that Mr Hassane's one aim in life was to remain in the United Kingdom. She added: "To that end he has used violence to get her to go to the Home Office to help him."

Miss Gillespie said Mr Hassane had a visitor's visa and in order to stay in the United Kingdom left for short periods and then returned. He had endangered his wife's job at the bank.

The judge said the Home Office should be told of the matter.

Kidnapping charge

Frederick Brett, aged 35, a club doorman, of Rockmount Road, Norwood, London, was remanded in custody until August 27 at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday, charged with kidnapping and conspiring to kidnap a witness from a Central Criminal Court case to find out details of police inquiries.

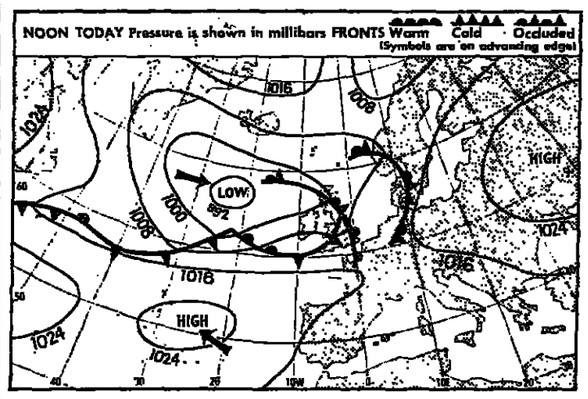
Extradition of soldier

Sweden agreed yesterday to Britain's request for the extradition of Fusilier David Moody, aged 26, a British soldier wanted for questioning in connexion with the shooting of another soldier in Northern Ireland (Reuter reports).

TUC to hear Mr Wilson

The Prime Minister, Mr Wilson, is to address the TUC in Brighton on September 5.

Weather forecast and recordings



Today

Sun rises: 6.00 am Sun sets: 8.5 pm
Moon rises: 2.41 pm Moon sets: 10.55 pm

First Quarter: 4.38 pm.

Lighting up: 8.35 pm to 5.31 am.

High water: London Bridge, 7.2 am, 6.6m (21.8ft); 7.19 pm, 6.6m (21.7ft). Avonmouth, 12.8 am, 12.3m (40.3ft); 12.29 pm, 11.6m (38.1ft). Dover, 4.15 am, 5.9m (19.4ft); 4.37 pm, 5.9m (19.3ft). Hull, 11.19 am, 6.7m (22.0ft); 11.50 pm, 6.2m (20.2ft). Liverpool, 4.21 am, 7.9m (25.9ft); 4.49 pm, 7.6m (24.9ft).

A depression will move slowly over the E Atlantic and weak troughs of low pressure will move E over most parts of Britain.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, central S England, East Anglia, E Midlands, Channel Islands: Sunny intervals at first, becoming rather cloudy, perhaps rain in places; wind W moderate; max temp 21°C (70°F).

SW England, S Wales: Rather cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle in places, coastal fog patches, becoming brighter with isolated showers; wind SW moderate; max temp 19°C (66°F).

NE, E, central N England, Borders, Edinburgh, E Scotland: Bright spells at first, becoming cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle in places; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 20°C (68°F).

Tomorrow

Sun rises: 6.1 am Sun sets: 8.3 pm
Moon rises: 3.40 pm Moon sets: 11.41 pm

Full Moon: September 1.

Lighting up: 8.33 pm to 5.33 am.

High water: London Bridge, 7.46 am, 6.3m (20.6ft); 8.11 pm, 6.2m (20.4ft). Avonmouth, 12.45 am, 11.2m (36.7ft); 1.11 pm, 10.6m (34.8ft). Dover, 5.7 am, 5.5m (18.1ft); 5.39 pm, 5.5m (17.9ft). Hull, 12.15 pm, 6.1m (20.0ft). Liverpool, 5.15 am, 7.2m (23.7ft); 5.47 pm, 7.1m (23.2ft).

W. Midlands, NW England, N Wales, Lake District: Rather cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle, hill fog patches, becoming brighter, scattered showers; wind SW moderate or fresh; max temp 19°C (66°F).

Isle of Man, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland: Cloudy, rain or drizzle at times, hill fog patches, becoming brighter, scattered showers; wind SW moderate or fresh; max temp 17°C (63°F).

Aberdeen, Moray Firth, Caithness, Orkney: Bright intervals at first, becoming cloudy, rain or drizzle at times, hill fog patches; wind S or SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 16°C (61°F).

Shetland: Rather cloudy, occasional rain or showers; wind S moderate, becoming SE; max temp 14°C (57°F).

Outlook for tomorrow Monday: Rather cool and able, rain or showers at spells of brighter weat coming rather windy.

Sea passages:

S North Sea, Strait of English Channel: Wi moderate or fresh, occasi or drizzle; sea moderate

St George's Channel, I Wind SW, fresh or stro sional rain; sea mod rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp max, 7 pm, 22°C (72°F); min, 7 am, 14°C (57°F). E 7 pm, 71 per cent. Rain, 7 pm, nil. Sun, 24hr to 6.7 hours. Bar, mean at 7 pm: 1018.5 millibars, fa 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

At the resorts

24 hours to 6 pm, August 2

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max Temp C	
E COAST				
Bridlington	3.6	—	23	73
Cromer	7.6	—	23	73
Clacton	9.5	—	23	73
Herne Bay	9.4	—	22	72
S COAST				
Hastings	10.0	—	20	68
Eastbourne	11.9	—	19	66
Brighton	9.6	—	19	66
Worthing	8.5	—	19	66
Bognor R	7.6	—	19	66
Southsea	6.8	—	20	68
Sandown	6.8	—	20	68
Bournemouth	9.2	—	20	68
Exmouth	3.3	—	20	68
Torquay	1.6	—	20	68
Falmouth	2.6	.02	17	63
W COAST				
Blackpool	4.3	.04	20	68
Newquay	2.6	.01	20	68

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Algiers	s	30	86	Chicago	f	24	75	Lisbon	s	31	88	Nice	s	28	77
Amsterdm	s	23	73	Cologne	f	21	70	London	f	23	73	Oslo	f	20	68
Athens	s	33	91	Dubrovnik	s	28	82	Luxembg	s	23	73	Paris	s	24	75
Barcelona	s	26	79	Dublin	c	19	66	Madrid	s	28	82	Reykjavik	c	10	50
Beirut	f	29	84	Edinburgh	c	19	66	Malaga	s	27	81	Rome	f	28	82
Berlin	c	19	66	Florence	s	27	81	Malta	s	32	90	Ronldsway	c	16	61
Bermuda	c	29	84	Geneva	s	23	73	Manchstr	c	18	64	Stockholm	s	21	70
Biarritz	s	21	70	Gibraltar	s	27	81	Miami	c	31	88	Tel Aviv	s	34	93
Birmnghm	c	17	63	Helsinki	f	14	57	Montreal	f	25	77	Toronto	f	30	86
Bristol	c	18	64	Innsbruck	s	25	77	Moscow	f	17	63	Venice	c	25	77
Brussels	s	22	72	Istanbul	s	25	77	Munich	s	23	73	Vienna	s	24	75
Budapest	f	25	77	Jersey	f	20	68	Madrid	s	28	82	Warsaw	s	22	72
Cardiff	c	17	63	L Palmas	s	24	75	New York	c	24	75	Zurich	s	22	72

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EEC rules help to peg price of British bread

Britain's membership of the EEC has kept down the price of bread, the EEC Commission in Brussels says in an answer to a written question tabled by Lord O'Hagen, an independent MP in the European Parliament.

The commission estimates that French wheat sold to Britain has been on average £20 to £25 a long ton cheaper than American wheat since last August. It said export controls imposed by the EEC had reserved grain other than wheat for consumption in member states at prices below those ruling in world markets.

Wide pig disease control area

Swine vesicular disease controlled-area restrictions were imposed from midnight over Lancashire, the county of Greater Manchester; the county of Merseyside north of the Mersey, and Warrington and Halton districts north of the Manchester Ship Canal. An outbreak was announced yesterday at Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire.

Court appearances after Yard raids

About half the 90 men held after raids by Scotland Yard's Serious Crimes Squad in London and the Home Counties on Wednesday will appear at Thames Magistrates' Court in London today.

Provisional IRA admits assassinating Special Branch chief at Omagh

From Robert Fisk

Belfast

The Provisional IRA, in a statement issued in the Irish Republic, admitted last night that it had been responsible for assassinating Det Inspector Perer Flanagan, aged 47, the Roman Catholic head of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Special Branch at Omagh, in co Tyrone. Mr Flanagan, who was unmarried and had been a policeman for 29 years, was shot about one o'clock in the afternoon as he was reading a newspaper in a public house.

The killing, which brings to 47 the number of full-time RUC men who have died in the violence since 1969, was one of the most ruthless carried out by the IRA in recent weeks.

Unable to draw his own gun, Inspector Flanagan was hit by a hail of bullets fired by two young gunmen who entered Broderick's bar in George Street, and even when he staggered to the lavatory in an attempt to find safety they followed him and fired at least six more shots at point-blank range as he lay on the floor.

The public house is frequently used by policemen, and the Provisionals had obviously planned Mr Flanagan's death. Few people witnessed the shooting and the nearest employee at the bar was entering the building from the yard when he heard several shots.

He went to the lavatories and found a man lying face down on the floor. "Another man was standing in the doorway of the toilet over the man on the floor and seemed to be putting bullets into a gun", he said. "He said to me 'Get out of here, mister', and I dashed to a store and locked myself in for safety. Then I heard more shots."

Several shoppers watched afterwards as the two gunmen ran to a dark-coloured BMC 1100 car outside the bar and drove away at high speed the wrong way down a one-way street in the direction of Enniskillen. They apparently avoided an army road block and yesterday evening they were reported to have crashed through a checkpoint at Catlederg on the border and to have reached the comparative safety of the Irish Republic.

The policeman's death came only a few hours after another Omagh man, an employee of the Department of the Environment who was carrying out a traffic survey near Dungannon, was also shot dead.

So far the Provisionals have not claimed responsibility for his murder, although the IRA may well have been to blame, since the police think the dead man may have been mistaken for a plain-clothes member of the security forces. Mr William Hutchinson, aged 29, a Protestant, was carrying out the census at Cabra and was sitting in the driver's seat of an unmarked van at around 10.30 pm on Thursday night when there was a burst of gunfire.

Mr Hutchinson's companion, Mr Thomas Wasson, aged 66, a retired farmer, who was wounded in the back, says Mr Hutchinson slumped against the driver's door when the bullets, apparently fired from behind a hedge next to the vehicle, smashed through the window.

"He was still alive and talking but I could not make out what he was saying", Mr Wasson said yesterday. "He was bleeding from the neck and chest . . . I ran about a hundred yards to a house where two women answered the door. One was a nurse and she gave first aid to William until an ambulance came and took us to hospital."

Mr Hutchinson died four hours later in the South Tyrone Hospital, Dungannon.

A possible reason for his murder may lie in his former membership of the part-time Ulster Defence Regiment.

In Newry, co Down, yesterday, the Government announced that an emergency telephone service was to be introduced now that the power blackout in the town has reached its fourth day.

Local power workers went on strike when the Provisionals threatened their lives, because the Army, which has been switching off street lamps for security reasons, controls the electricity for lighting.

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HOME NEWS

Hospital X-ray services resume

By Alan Hamilton
Labour Staff

A full return to normal work- by National Health Service diographers is expected today, er the talks on Thursday, at ich their union accepted urances from the Department Health about an interim pay rd next month.

he Association of Scientific, chnical and Managerial ffs (ASTMS), said last night t all its members appeared e returning to normal work-

Mr Clive Jenkins, general retary of the ASTMS, met Mr t, Secretary of State for ployment, and Dr Owen, der-Secretary of State at the artment of Health, and said r that his personal view was t there would be a reasonable ommendation in September. e added: "If the radio- hers do not like the recom- dation they will, of course, e the right to resume their on. I trust this will not be essary."

he radiographers have been ing assurances that they will ive a substantial interim ement when the Halsbury mittee which is inquiring the pay of certain NHS es produces its interim rt in mid-September. The n has been seeking to tie Department of Health to a ific lump sum payment of

Children enjoying the fine weather and warm water of the Thames at Wallingford, Oxfordshire.

onvicted murderer to be key rown witness in plot trial

ilip Ellul, a convicted lerer, who escaped hanging igh a last minute reprieve ars ago, is to be a key wit- for the prosecution at a at the Central Criminal t.

e Crown is calling Mr Ellul ve evidence in the trial of ard Silver, a West End owner, and two other men, ony Mangion and Frank d, who are alleged to have ired in the same murder. e trial of Mr Silver and ony Mangion was due to on September 9, but at the al Criminal Court yester- udge Gillis, QC, postponed ase indefinitely after hear- hat Mr Mifsud had been ted recently in Switzerland extradition proceedings taking place.

e Crown wished all three and trial together on the er plot charge.

Kenneth Machin, for the e of Mr Mangion, said he nxious that those serious rave offences should be He continued: "Basically, rown's allegation is that ian [Mr Ellul] who was cted of murder and sen- to death 18 years ago e hand that did the killing which the three present accused are alleged to have conspired".

Mr David Tudor Price, for the Crown, said that if the trial was not postponed it was likely that there would have to be two trials about the same alleged murder. A decision in the extradition proceedings was expected by September 16.

Counsel for Mr Silver and Mr Mangion apposed the application for postponement.

Mr Barry Hudson, QC, for the defence of Mr Silver, said a key witness in the murder plot trial was a man who had himself been convicted in 1956 of murdering Thomas Smithson and was sentenced to death by Mr Justice Ashworth, but reprieved in October that year, four days before he was due to go to the gallows.

"This man did not give notice of appeal when the death sentence was passed on him and the date for his execution was fixed", counsel continued. The death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment and he served 11 years in jail. Then he went to live in the United States.

Mr Hudson complained that Mr Silver had been in custody awaiting trial since December for a "very stale" matter. The alleged murder plot was said to have been between November 1955, and June, 1956. It was unjust that his trial should now be postponed indefinitely.

A Swiss lawyer said in evidence that extradition proceedings were likely to take six months at least and would probably last 18 months.

Mr Machin said the case was that three men went to an address and one man fired a gun. No evidence was offered against one man, the jury acquitted the second; and the man now coming from California who fired the gun was convicted. His case of self-defence was not accepted.

Another unsatisfactory feature, Mr Machin continued, was that Mr Silver and Mr Mangion were due to stand trial with other men on September 16, accused of living on immoral earnings.

During a recent bail application in that case there was a great deal of publicity. If that trial was given similar publicity the subsequent murder plot trial might be prejudiced.

Judge Gillis, ordering postponement of the murder plot trial, said it was in the interests of justice that the three men should stand trial together.

Marksmen plan a £750,000 complex

By Our Planning Reporter

Outline planning permission is being sought for a "marksmanship centre" at Ardleigh, Essex, about six miles north-east of Colchester. The plans submitted by Thorpwise Ltd, of Clacton-on-Sea, development consultants, encompass facilities of international standards for rifle, pistol and clay pigeon shooting and archery. An 18-hole golf course, golf driving range, squash courts and gymnasium are also envisaged.

The promoters, described as a group of international sportsmen, estimate the cost at £750,000. Although they hope to raise most of the money from private sources, they also intend to apply for grants from the Sports Council and from local authorities.

The 110-acre site is farmland on the edge of Dedham Vale, designated as an area of outstanding beauty. The promoters acknowledge that development would not normally be permitted in such an area, but say that using the land for recreational purposes is not a loss of amenity.

Since the sites straddles the local authority boundaries of Colchester and Tendring, final planning approval is likely to rest with Essex County Council. Although Thorpwise says that local planning officials are privately enthusiastic about the scheme, the county would probably prefer the promoters to develop one of the disused army ranges around Colchester, which the Ministry of Defence is known to be anxious to dispose of.

The chairman of the promoters' steering committee, Mr Tom Hurley, is also chairman of Colchester and District Sports Council. Regional sports councils are affiliated to the national council, which receives government financial support, but an official said yesterday that local authority participation in the proposed centre would have to be established before the question of a government grant could be considered.

In their application the promoters say that security fencing, screening and walls will ensure complete safety and noise will be "minimized to generally acceptable levels". Earth moulding, grading, grassing and tree planting will screen the site and the main buildings and enhance the appearance of the area.

idon-Glasgow '-on-board buses soon

air "bus service" en London and Glasgow begin early next year, Airways announces.

e Trident One jet aircraft perate the shuttle service passengers paying for tickets in flight. Aircraft eave at easy-to-remember with a fixed timetable ar.

sengers will not have to and a seat will be guaran- to everyone who arrives e advertised time.

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ack of formalities will e anxiety. If you are held th your business, there is ed to worry about losing reservation. You simply the next aircraft."

plosion from 'osol is killed man

woman's coat, burning , generated enough heat pture two aerosol cans, g an explosion and a fire killed a man, Mr Monta- evy, the Newcastle upon coroner, was told yester-

recorded a verdict of by misadventure on Mr as Watt, aged 46, a rer of Walker, Newcastle, was found with severe by firemen in his home ly 15. His wife had left after a dispute a fortnight e, the coroner was told.

Donald Johnson, a fire r, said the exploding cans blown out a wall partition. e cause of the initial fire e coat was a mystery, Mr said.

o remanded baby charges

ulette Elaine Whitfield, 24, of Tamworth Road, Eaton, Derbyshire, was ier remanded in custody for ek by magistrates at Derby rday, accused of taking Stephen Robinson, aged eeks, with intent to deprive nother.

r husband, Alan Whitfield,

Man on bomb plot charge starts hunger strike

Edward Byrne, aged 29, an Irishman accused of conspiring to cause explosions, has gone on hunger strike at Risley remand centre, Manchester magistrates were told yesterday.

Since Monday, Mr Byrne had refused food or drink because his wife was not allowed to take food to him, Mr Michael Blackburn, his solicitor, said.

Mr Byrne, an unemployed painter, of Woodpecker Walk, Chelmsley Wood, Birmingham, jointly faces two conspiracy charges with two Irish sisters, Ann Gillespie, aged 24, hospital receptionist, and Eileen Gillespie, aged 21, a nurse, of Victoria Grove, Fallowfield, Manchester.

The three are accused of conspiring to cause explosions at a council house in Dennison Avenue, Withington, Manchester, and conspiring to damage or destroy buildings by explosions. Reporting restrictions have been lifted.

Mr Blackburn said his client wanted the court to know that for some time he had been experiencing difficulties with the authorities about having food taken into him. He continued: "At the present time he has been refused permission entirely for his wife to fetch food into him at the centre. Byrne is a category A prisoner and they are understood to be a security risk.

"He tells me that other category A prisoners at Risley are allowed to have food brought in. Byrne concludes that there is some reason why he is being discriminated against and he is making application to be transferred to another prison, not a remand prison. Since Monday he has refused to take anything to eat or drink."

Earlier, Mr Brian Crebbin, for the prosecution, said committal proceedings had been set for August 30.

All three defendants were remanded in custody until next Friday.

Bank messenger caught up in £150,000 plot

Robert Ross, a bank messenger, was a small man who fell among thieves, it was stated at Glasgow Sheriff Court yesterday.

From living a life of "middle-class contented mediocrity" he became caught up in a £150,000 plot, Mr Leonard Murray, his solicitor, said. He did not even benefit from £7,000 he was given for passing on information. Mr Murray continued: "He had fallen among thieves and the thieves were far removed from biblical characters. This was no road from Jericho to Jerusalem."

Mr Ross, aged 40, of Park Road, Bishopbriggs, near Glasgow, admitted robbing five employees of the Clydesdale Bank in Queen Elizabeth Avenue, Hillington, Renfrewshire, of £65,074 on May 23 and robbing four employees of £87,000 from the bank's Whiteinch branch in Dumbarton Road, Glasgow, on April 30. He was remitted to the High Court for sentence.

Mr Murray said: "This is the story of a small man caught up in a plot so massive that it overwhelmed him." He never took part in any of the raids. His crime consisted of giving information which, ironically, could have been gleaned by any watchful, intelligent observer.

Mr Murray said that Mr Ross went to pieces when his wife left him. He became friendly with a neighbour and talked to him about the movements of bullion vans.

Some weeks after the Hillington raid he received £3,400 and knew where it had come from. Most of it was put into a building society and into saving certificates and was recovered by the police.

After the second bank raid his neighbour gave him a bag "stuffed to overflowing with money". Mr Ross was terrified and later weighted it with a brick and flung it into a canal. That, also, was recovered by the police.

Mr Eric Galt, Procurator Fiscal, told the court that another man had been arrested in connexion with the raids and was awaiting trial.

Rise in jobless rejected as economic remedy

By Our Political Staff

Monetary policies that would cause mass unemployment and statutory policies on incomes were both firmly rejected as remedies for Britain's economic difficulties by Mr Joel Barnett, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, in Rochdale last night.

He suggested that by borrowing on the prospects of North Sea oil, cuts in the standard of living could be avoided, although he made clear that there could no general increase in the standard of living "for the next few years".

Admitting the "extreme seriousness of our economic situation", Mr Barnett said that high levels of inflation would continue for some time. If a Labour government set the right basis of a fair society, it had the right to ask the people to restrain their demands and "we can then expect to see a gradual reduction in the rate of inflation".

He said that neither the economic difficulties nor the solutions portended the catastrophe that was being forecast. "The gravest danger the country

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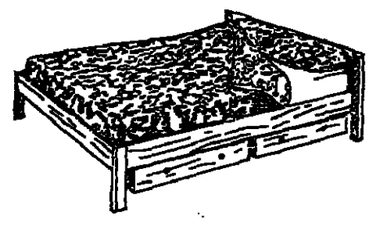

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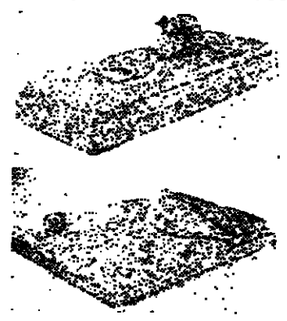

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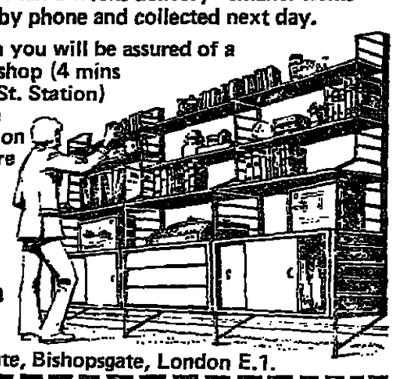

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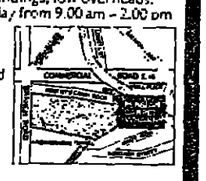

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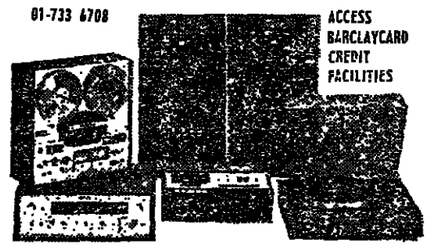

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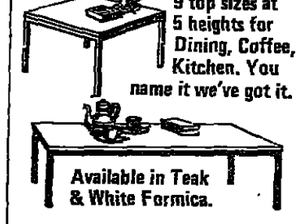

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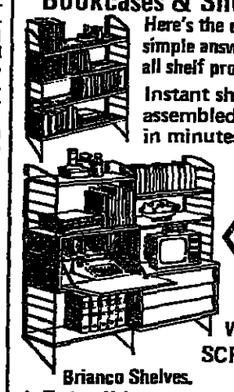

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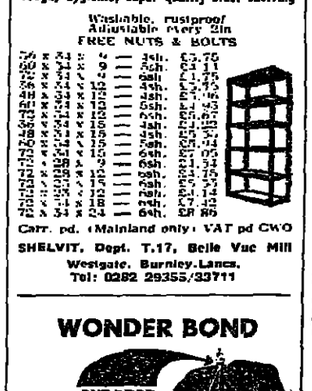

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European Community to restore pre-junta relations with Greece

Athens, Aug 23.—The "unfreezing" of Greece's association with the European Economic Community will be speeded up, *now that the country has rid itself of military dictatorship*, Mr Cornelis Berkhouwer, president of the Community's European Parliament, said here today.

Speaking at a press conference *after a five-day visit to* Athens, Mr Berkhouwer said he had "useful and fruitful" talks with Mr Karamanlis, the Greek Prime Minister, and members of *his Government*.

He said Greece had submitted a memorandum to the EEC seeking re-activation of an association agreement as soon *as possible*. "*The Greek authorities* and the Greek people are knocking on the door of the European Community and I strongly believe that we from *our side, should now open the* door as wide as possible", Mr Berkhouwer said.

Greece has been an associate member of the EEC since 1961, and was due to become a full member by 1984, but the association agreement was frozen by the Community after the Greek Army siezed power in April, 1967.

He said that, until the election of a Greek parliament, *discussions between the EEC* and Greece for unfreezing the agreement would be carried out with members of the Assembly who were in power when the Army took control. The Government assured him that elections in Greece would be held as soon *as circumstances allowed*, he added.

Mr Mavros, the Greek Foreign Minister, and Mr John Pesmazoglou, the Finance Minister, were expected to go to Brussels early in September to meet M François-Xavier Ortoli, President of the EEC Commission, and set in motion procedures for reactivating the association agreement. The European Parliament will also debate Greek-EEC relations at its September session.

Referring to the Cyprus crisis, Mr Berkhouwer said it was "a tragic drama" that, as Greece headed towards a democratic parliamentary system, it should be confronted with war on the island. "For one more time, the law of force has overruled the force of law", he declared.

Mr Berkhouwer said that during the seven years of dictatorship, Greece suffered "very big material losses" as a result of suspension of relations with the EEC. This included the stopping of the harmonization of agricultural programmes and industrial financing "and material aid totalling at least $300m (£130m)."

He could not set a date for *Greece's full entry into the* EEC. There could be a further delay. "I don't read the future in the bottom of a teacup", he said.—Reuter, AP and Agence *France-Presse*.

France waits for Giscard broadcast

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Aug 23

President Giscard d'Estaing is to broadcast to the people on Tuesday, it has been announced here, presumably to disclose how his Government is proposing to cope with the difficult *social and economic problems* facing France this autumn.

The *trade unions* have already threatened a "large-scale mobilization" for next month, and M Marchais, the Communist leader, is to speak *the day after the President to* put over his party's views.

The trade unions have given warning that their members cannot be expected to make the sacrifices required by the government's anti-inflation programme but the loudest noises so far have come from representatives of the middle and *lower middle classes*—farmers, shopkeepers and other owners of small and medium-sized businesses—who have let the Government know that they too *do not intend to be sectors* singled our for belt-tightening.

Last night, after the shock of the shopkeepers' demonstrations had subsided, the long-*distance lorry owners' federation* warned the Government in an "ultimatum" that if it does not permit substantial increases in freight charges by September *10 its members would start a* national campaign blocking road transport.

In his broadcast, M Giscard d'Estaing will above all have to *show how he intends* tackling inflation, the public's number one concern.

His statement will be carefully scrutinized because his administration's first anti-inflationary measures, including *credit restrictions, made in* June, have worked through the system and are beginning to threaten some jobs.

Silence that led to genocide

Tomorrow, in *The Sunday Times*, Gitta Sereny traces the story of the growth of Nazi concentration camps. In particular, she investigates charges that the Roman Catholic Church, under Pope *Pius XII, kept silent although* informed of Nazi intentions. *She believes that a decisive* stand by the Vatican might have stayed the Nazi descent into genocide.

Conclave to choose Pope will be expanded

Rome, Aug 23.—The Pope has *decided to expand the conclave* which will elect his successor to include patriarchs of the Eastern Rite churches, Vatican sources said today.

The Pope has now completed work on a document setting out his proposals, which also gives bishops' representatives *membership* of the conclave. He is expected to publish it within the next few weeks.

His ideas on the election of his successor have long been awaited and there were fears in some circles that the present Pontiff, who is 76, may die *before completing work on the* document containing his proposals.

Unconfirmed reports recently suggested that the Pope's *advisers had urged him to* finish work on the document as soon as possible in order to ensure a smooth changeover in *the event of his death*. Vatican spokesmen were not immediately available to comment on today's report.

Vatican sources said that the papal document, which is now apparently printed in its final *form, contains three main proposals*.

They are: That 15 members of the Council of the Synod of Bishops be included as members of the conclave which elects a new Pope; that patriarchs of Eastern Rite churches who are not cardinals also be included; and that no member of the conclave more than 80 years old be permitted to vote.

The Pope told bishops' representatives in March last year *that he was considering the* inclusion of some of their number in the conclave.

Fascist group planning attacks in Italy

Rome, Aug 23.—A hitherto *unknown extreme right-wing* organization, the Fascist Forces of Redemption, has said it will launch hostilities in September "to bring Italy back within the *family of great powers and* countries with honour".

In a message to the authorities and the press, the organization said: "We must at all costs sweep away communist killers and all traitors to the country.

"We shall not commit cowardly attacks. We shall fight with honour. But we shall show no mercy towards the socialists, *communists, anarchists and all* left-wing extremists."—Agence France Presse.

Plot to kidnap Don Juan

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, Aug 23

Terrorists in Monaco tried to kidnap Don Juan of Bourbon, *the father of Prince Juan Carlos*, Spain's acting chief of state, according to reports in Madrid today. The Spanish news agency, Europa Press, said that Don Juan was flown back to Spain last Monday from Nice to get him out of danger.

There were conflicting reports about who was behind the plot. The Majorca daily *Diario de Mallorca* said the *plan was the work of the outlawed* Basque separatist movement, ETA (Basque Homeland and Liberty). Europa Press named an anarchist group, Gari (*International Revolutionary* Action Group).

According to the reports, Spanish police warned Don Juan, who was on a Mediterranean cruise in his yacht, Giralda.

He put in at Monaco, rather than go on to Cannes or Nice. At Monaco, local police discovered two fast launches near the Giralda, the crews of which were said to be armed.

Don Juan, son of the last Spanish king, and his wife, spent the night at Prince Rainier's palace. They were later taken to Nice to board a Spanish Air Force aircraft *which had been sent specifically* to pick them up and take them to Majorca, where Prince Juan Carlos has his summer residence.

The reports did not say exactly when the suspicious launches were sighted.

Mafia leader on murder charge in luxury clinic

From Our Correspondent
Rome, Aug 23

The Ministry of Justice has *ordered an urgent inquiry into* how Signor Frank "Three Fingers" Coppola, an alleged Mafia leader, came to be in the care of a luxury Rome clinic *at the expense of the state* when he should have been in prison in Pisa.

Signor Coppola's presence in the Nuova Regina Margherita *clinic was discovered* after a Florence magistrate had granted him provisional liberty on Wednesday while committing *him* for trial on the charge of attempted murder in April 1973 of Dr Angelo Mangano, a police chief.

This decision itself has provoked strong criticism in the press because a committal on a murder charge usually excludes any possibility of provi*sional liberty*.

Signor Coppola, who is 74, was arrested with Signor Ugo Bossi and Signor Sergio Boffi, alleged to be his accomplices, *two months after the attempted* murder of Dr Mangano. He should have been transferred, by order of the ministry, from Palermo jail to a prison hospi*tal in Pisa two weeks ago* pending the outcome of his case

Learning from the press that he was residing, guarded by five policemen, in a single room of a comfortable clinic at more than £2[illegible] a day—paid by the state—Signor Mario Zagari, the Minister of Justice, returned to Rome. He set up an inquiry *into who had helped Signor* Coppola to get to the clinic

Signor Coppola's doctors have hastened to emphasize that their patient is genuinely ill.

Masked thieves torture man aged 70

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Aug 23

Four masked young men broke *into a lonely cottage in* Southern France and tortured the 70-year-old peasant farmer who lived in it to make him hand over his money, police *revealed in Toulouse today*.

They pretended to hang him five times by putting a rope round his neck from a beam and kicking away a bale of *straw from under his feet*. When he still refused to tell them where he kept his money they cut off one of his ears.

The peasant gave in when *the men turned to attack his* 72-year-old wife. The thieves made off with Fr3,800 (about £340) hidden in a cupboard after chaining the couple to a bed. The couple were *reported* to be recovering in hospital today.

EEC checks US feed grains 'crisis'

From Roger Berthoud
Brussels, Aug 23

M Pierre Lardinois of the European Commission has been *invited to Washington next* week for talks on European *imports of American feed grains* and soya beans. Despite recent rain, it is feared that this summer's drought in the Middle West may affect American willingness to supply EEC countries with all the feedstuffs and protein needed for livestock production.

M Lardinois, the Commissioner responsible for Agriculture, *arrives in Washington on* Monday and is expected to give a press conference there on Wednesday with Mr Earl Butz, the American Secretary of Agriculture.

Earlier this month, before the *rains came*, the United States Department of Agriculture produced estimates that the 1974 soya bean crop would drop from last year's record of 42 million metric tons to 36 *million tons*. Last year the Nine imported 8,800,000 metric tons of soya *beans and derivatives, which* form a vital element in animal feedstuffs, valued at $1,325m (£550m).

Estimates for this year's *maize crop also foresaw a drop* from 143 million metric tons to 126 million. EEC dependence here is slightly less total but imports last year reached *16,305,000 metric tons, worth* $886m.

American officials here believe that September crop estimates may show an improvement due to the recent rain. The outlook for wheat is in any case good. The situation is also being eased by good crop *reports from other parts of the* world, including the EEC's own good grain harvest prospects, and the return of the Peruvian anchovy shoals, which provide valuable *fishmeal protein*.

But with inflation as the number one public enemy, the American Administration appears anxious to avoid a repetition of last year's jump in commodity prices, caused partly *by international competition for* American foodstuffs. According to reports from Washington, it has already persuaded the Japanese Government to agree *informally to restrain imports*.

But any pressure on the EEC for a similar agreement would come up against the fact that the EEC has no equivalent centralized *import control* mechanism.

Recent sales have just prevented the EEC's mountain of surplus beef from reaching *200,000 tons*. According to official sources in Brussels, stocks in EEC *intervention* agencies have risen to 192,000 tons, but of this some 30,000 tons have been sold prior to delivery.

The beef mountain has been caused by producer prices falling below the EEC intervention level. The largest stocks are in France, West Germany and Ireland.

None of the EEC or national *measures to encourage* consumption has yet come into effect. Any sales by private traders to the Soviet Union, of *which the European Commission has no official knowledge*, have not yet made a noticeable dent on the beef mountain.

OVERSEAS

Mrs Nelson Rockefeller (left) and Mrs Betty Ford wave from the White House, which Mrs Rockefeller visited on Thursday.

Arrested Archbishop alleges blackmail

From Moshe Brilliant
Tel Aviv, Aug 23

Israel officials have told churchmen in Jerusalem that Archbishop Hilarion Capucci, the imprisoned Greek Catholic Patriarchal Vicar, claimed he had been impressed into the service of *Al-Fatah* through blackmail. The vicar was arrested and remanded on August 18 on suspicion of smuggling arms and explosives from Lebanon to Palestinian guerrillas in the Jerusalem area.

The prisoner reportedly told his interrogators that Al-Fatah representatives in Lebanon had threatened him with physical violence and with disclosures about his private life which might jeopardize his position in *the church*.

Israel sources said he told police that Al-Fatah used him first as a courier to carry funds across the border for the de*pendants of guerrillas* and later used him to smuggle arms. Details were given to Mgr Carew, the Apostolic Delegate in Jerusalem, who has been report*ing to the Vatican and to three* churchmen from Lebanon who report to the Greek Catholic Middle East Synod now meeting in Beirut. The churchmen have *visited the suspect in his cell*.

Mr Aziz Shehadeh of Ramallah, legal adviser to the Greek Catholic Church in Jerusalem, has undertaken to represent the *prisoner*. He said today he had not initiated any action and was awaiting instructions from the prisoner and the church representatives.

The Israel decision whether to put the archbishop on trial will be political and will probably be taken at Cabinet level. The church officials were told by authoritative Israelis that the search of the Archbishop's Mercedes in Jerusalem on August 8 when a large supply of weapons was allegedly found, was filmed and recorded on tape. The archbishop was in the car at the time. He reportedly wrote his statement to the police in longhand. He was released until August 18 in the hope that he might lead the police to guerrilla representatives in Israel, but this was not the case.

The archbishop was also said to have led police to drops *where he left the arms and explosives for the guerrillas, he never saw.*

An authoritative source that in addition to membe*in a terrorist organization* arms smuggling, the pri*may be charged as an acce* to murder.

This was said to arise a statement by three bro accused of murdering a salem taxi driver who alle said they picked up their and explosives at *one* o archbishop's drops. brothers were accused of b trapping the driver's boo the boot of his cab with e explosives to wreak havoc busy Jerusalem street. Ho the car was found *befor* bomb could go off.

The brothers were al cused of placing Katyush siles pointing towards *salem on May 15 when* D singer, the American Sec of State, was visiting the

Amman, Aug 23.—A to meeting of Christian and lim religious leaders toda the arrest of the archbish Israel was part of a plot over completely the Ara of Jerusalem.

Roman Catholic, Or and Greek Catholic archb as well as evangelical re tatives, held a meeting with Muslim leaders yes to discuss the case.

In a statement issued condemning the prelate's the religious leaders said are thoroughly convince repressive Israel m against Christians and M alike, are in fulfilment of designs aimed at judaizin salem and obliterating a and everything that Jewish."

The statement said Christianity and Islan faced the threat of ex in the Holy Land.

The meeting's parti *are to send various m* to the Pope, Muslim h state and international protesting against the bishop's arrest

"Israeli actions increa firm conviction that if t City remained under Israel rule, sites sac millions of believers thro the world will face in destruction", the st said.

Village whose people are prisoners or refugees awaits its fate

From Paul Martin
Karmi, Cyprus, Aug 23

The last time I was in this *tiny village* nestled in the Kyrenia range, the Mukhtar was celebrating the wedding of his daughter. It was a festive occasion, only six weeks ago. *Now, like the rest of the able*bodied men of the village, the Mukhtar is in Turkish hands. The village is deserted. Its inhabitants are either prisoners *or refugees*.

As in the case of more than 120 Greek Cypriot villages north of the Turkish Army's so-called Attila Line, Karmi *awaits its fate. The door of* every house has succumbed to a shoulder or a boot. Drawers and cupboards have been emptied. Floors are scattered with the looters' refuse and the vandal's hand is occasionally *evident*.

Most of the women and children from the village have been living the life of refugees since the Turks pushed them *across the Green Line four* weeks ago. Young and old, they are packed into a small orphanage across the street from the Hilton Hotel in *Nicosia. What has happened to* their homes is of less importance than what might have *happened to their men*.

The village itself is one of the more fortunate. Situated near the ridge of the Kyrenia range west of the St Hilarion *pass, it has been well off the* beaten track for the successive waves of the Turkish invasion force. A few miles below it, down a winding mountain road, *the village of Trimithi bears* more of the scars of an occupation army.

Farther on, as the road links up with the main Kyrenia route westwards, the full thrust of the first and subsequent *Turkish thrusts become evident*. It was from this junction at Ayios Yeorios that the refugees fled to Karmi in the first days of the war. As the Greek Army retreated to Trimithi those who could did the same.

Before the Turks launched their invasion Karmi was 100 per cent Greek. But, like the rest of the island's Greek Cypriot villages, it was already *in a state of semi-war*. The slogans on the walls told the story. Those preaching *enosis* competed with others supporting Archbishop Makarios. *Spiritually, it was Greek against* Greek.

A sleepy little village whose *only claim to fame was that* Raquel Welch made a film there, Karmi paints the familiar picture of the area occupied by the Turks. For the 17 Britons *who have houses in it an un*happy sight awaits them. They can return, but for the Greek Cypriots the invasion has meant complete social and economic *dislocation*.

After more than 60 men *between the ages of 15 and 65* were rounded up by the Turks *and taken away, the women and* children stay in their houses. Generally speaking, the Turkish Army behaved well. The hundreds that remained had no intention of moving. However, four weeks ago the Turks rounded them up and pushed them south across the Green Line.

For the moment, Karmi is a picturesque but desolate village. Only its proud cypress trees lend it some of its former dignity. Its sedate little church in the dusty square has not escaped scrutiny. But the only intruders who have left evid*ence of their presence are the* goat herds.

Peking poster campaign starts up again

Peking, Aug 23.—Peking's wall poster campaign came to life again today with the appearance of five new series of wall posters opposite the city council offices.

The posters, all written by Peking workers, mainly repeated well-worn themes and lacked the crowd-stopping quality of many earlier contributions.

One poster, written on bright *yellow paper, was by two* workers from the Peking fine *arts and handicrafts* factory who previously accused factory leaders of revisionism for ordering the production of feudal figures such as emperiors, generals and concubines.

The workers said they were criticized for four hours at a factory meeting last week for denigrating the factory in their posters, for writing posters to seek promotion and for "helping enemies at home and abroad".

The two men rejected the criticisms and repeated their earlier call for "leading comrades of *Peking's municipal re*volutionary committee to accept criticism and supervision from the masses".

The name Yen Teh-pu on another poster took readers back to the early days of the Peking poster campaign. Mr *Yen was one of six authors* whose poster attack on the Peking city council opened the campaign on June 12.

His latest poster criticized members of the city council for falling into "ultra-right deviations" while hunting members of the extremist May 16 group, who have been blamed for many of the excesses of the cultural revolution.

*He said some council mem*bers had spread their net too wide and wrongly accused many activists of belonging to the May 16 Group. These innocent *victims should now be rehabili*tated.

This latest rash of posters is attracting little attention here, but reports from the provinces *indicate that poster criticisms* of local leaders are continuing unabated, despite recent calls in *the official press for a spirit of* unity.

Travellers reaching Peking report seeing large numbers of wall posters in Taiyuan, the capital of northern Shansi province, which has been the scene *of political ferment since the* early days of the current campaign. Canton is also in the throes of a new poster campaign.—Reuter.

S Korea lifts emergency decrees

Seoul, Aug 23.—President *Park Chung Hee lifted two* repressive decrees this morn*ing in his first relaxation of* political suppression since January.

The President removed Emergency Measure No 1, imposed on January 8, which forbids all discussion, criticism and de*mands for revision of the con*stitution, which gives the President unlimited power. After a special Cabinet meeting this morning, he also dropped Emer*gency Measure No 4, imposed* on April 3 after student protests and prohibiting all such dissent against the Government and its policies. The decree carried penalties *ranging from* five years to death.

The President left intact Emergency Measure No 2, also imposed on January 8 which establishes secret courts-martial and permits arrests without *warrant*. Emergency Measure No 3, announced on January 14, was also left. It cut taxes for low-income persons, raised taxes on luxury goods and increased *import tariffs*.

The President said there would be no amnesty at present for his adversaries who have been arrested and tried under *the two* expired emergency measures. Trials and the judicial process would go forward.

Just how many people have been arrested, tried and convicted under the two measures is not known as the South Korean Government has kept much of that secret. From what evidence has been made available, the total is probably more than 300. They include opposition politicians, Roman Catholic and Protestant leaders, prominent poets and writers and scores of intellectuals and students.

*Whether the easing of restric*tions today is anything more *than a tactical move remains to* be seen. President Park has earlier suppressed criticism and dissent and then relented when he thought the lesson had been *learnt for a while*.

Senior Government officials said recently that restrictions would be lifted slowly so that *the response from adversaries*, particularly the Christians and students who have led the anti-Park movement, could be watched. They suggested that if the President's *opponents* stopped their campaigning the political prisoners might be shown leniency.—New York Times News Service.

Seoul, Aug 23.—Anti-Japanese demonstrations continued today *as more than 5,000 high school* pupils called for Japanese apologies over the death of President Park's wife in an assassination attempt on the President.

*The demonstrators held cam*pus rallies, and many tried to march on the Japanese [illegible] but were turned back by police.

Mr Kim Jong Pil, th[illegible] Minister, asserted on te[illegible] earlier this week tha[illegible] could not escape legal [illegible] responsibility for the [illegible] tion attempt.

The alleged attacker, Se Kwang, aged 22, is [illegible] the Seoul prosecutor's [illegible] have entered Korea *Japanese passport issue* name of an acquaintanc[illegible] pistol which he said h[illegible] from a police station i[illegible] —Reuter.

Bulgaria frees Jew under sentence of death

Jerusalem, Aug 23.—Dr Heinrich Spetter, a Bulgarian Jew under sentence of death as a spy for the West, was released suddenly from prison in Sofia and flown here last night. He spent today in hiding. The 53-year-old economist and former United Nations employee, arrived from Copenhagen on an El Al airliner and requested Israel citizenship within an hour of landing.

Eyewitnesses said he repeatedly *muttered*: "I can't believe my eyes, I am reborn." In a Foreign Ministry communiqué, Israel claimed the credit for securing Dr Spetter's [illegible] on Humanitarian [illegible] Several other foreign *ments have tried to ob* release.—AP.

Tel Aviv, Aug 23. Zalmanson, aged 30, Jew sentenced to [illegible] *imprisonment in* [illegible] charges of trying to h airliner at Leningrad pected to be release Israel radio reporte father, in a telephone from Riga last night, radio that he had been ted to go to Moscow meet her daughter at gration office.—Reuter.

Scott cross is blown down

Christchurch, Aug antarctic storm has blow a 10ft wooden cross ere Observation Hill, above do Base, to comm Captain Robert *Falcon* who died on the return *after reaching the South* 1912.

A team from the base the cross up again to Next summer the Antarc sion of New Zealand's ment of Scientific Industrial Research will cross in a concrete Reuter.

Chinese freedom swimmer killed by shark

Hongkong, Aug 23.—A Chinese died on his way to hospital in Hongkong, after *being attacked by a shark while* swimming from China to Hong*kong today, a Government* spokesman said.

Wong Shin-Chi, aged 22, was among a group of 13 held by *the police as illegal immigrants* after swimming five miles *across a sea inlet*.

This was the fifth report of a shark attack on swimmers from China in about a month. About 4,000 illegal immigrants have reached the colony this year, according to official *figures, some swimming, others* crossing by junk.

A woman, aged 22, who had her leg amputated in Hongkong, later told how she and her companions fought vainly to save a member of their group from sharks.—Reuter.

Canberra MPs kept to two Bills

From Our Correspondent
Melbourne, Aug 23

The special one-day sitting of the House of Representatives at *Canberra today passed the two* Bills it had been called to consider. The Government refused to allow the Opposition to debate any other subject on the order paper.

The Trade Practices Bill, *which Senator Lionel Murphy*, the Attorney-General, described as the most modern and advanced piece of anti-trust legislation in the world, was passed *after the Government accepted* a number of minor amendments suggested by the Senate. The Bill now goes to the Governor General for the Royal assent after which it will become law immediately.

The Main Roads Bill, which provides for large sums of money to be channelled through the states for the building of roads through Australia, was *also passed but will have to go* back to the Senate for final approval.

Mr Whitlam, the Prime Minister, declined to allow any questions without notice, amid cries of "coward" from the *Opposition*. When Mr Snedden, Leader of the Opposition, tried to have a debate on the economy he was defeated. He then tried unsuccessfully to introduce a *censure motion on the ground* that the Government was avoiding proper parliamentary procedures for debate. Other attempts to suspend standing orders and to dispute rulings by the speaker were also *defeated, amid noisy scenes*.

Mr Snedden criticized the silence of both Mr Whitlam and Mr Crean, the treasurer, on inflation and unemployment. Mr Crean answered that he did not believe that Australia was on the brink of a recession.

He went on: "I believe there will have to be a selective easing of the credit squeeze, par*ticularly in the building in*dustry. However, unemployment in Australia is not anywhere near as bad as in Britain and the United States."

Mr Whitlam is to make a national television and radio broadcast next week. The Cabinet late tonight was considering further details of the Budget which is to be presented on September 17.

As a footnote to a crowded day in Parliament, the Australian Federation of Air Pilots banned all flights in and out of Canberra in protest against instructions by Mr Jones, the Minister of Transport, to Qantas *not to pay rises in their salaries*. Mr Jones has said that the 27 per cent rise sought for captains of jumbo aircraft would give them $46,000 (about £28,500) a year, more than the general manager of Qantas *received*.

The pilots said the ban would remain until the increases were sanctioned. However, the Government managed to provide four Royal Australian Air Force VIP flights to fly MPs to Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.

'Alphabet bo[illegible] man may fac[illegible] the death pen[illegible]

Los Angeles, Aug 23.— charged with the [illegible] "alphabet bombings", ing an explosion at Los *airport* which killed people, learnt in court that he could be sente death if found guilty.

Muharem Kurbegovi[illegible] 31, a *Yugoslav immigran* 11 charges of murder, ar assault with intent to murder.

The prosecution said i *seek the death penalty* i new California law, wh mits it if a jury decid special circumstances capital punishment.—Re

Pornography seize[illegible]

Wellington, Aug 23.— graphic material valu 100,000 New Zealand (about £62,500) was disc on board a *Danish cargo* Wellington today in a box to contain fish fing[illegible]

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Dr Soares flies to Algiers for second attempt to reach agreement over Guinea-Bissau

om Jose Shercliff
bon, Aug 23

Dr Mario Soares, Portuguese reign Minister, and Senhor meida Santos, Overseas Mini-r, left secretly for Algiers terday by military aircraft, ording to an informed source Lisbon.

Their trip, to enable them to rmine negotiations on the inea-Bissau handover, was parently kept secret at the uest of the Guinea authori-

he Lisbon newspaper, how-r, reported it this morning, t it was later confirmed. The e discretion was observed en they travelled to Dar-es-aam last week for prelimi-y talks with Frelimo leaders.

t is significant that there has n less over-optimistic report-recently in the Portuguese s and less said by the orities about independence ussions. This is taken to n that, at least for Guinea, ngements for the handover withdrawal of Portuguese ps are being completed.

he manner of withdrawal is to be the crucial point in delicate negotiations. It is eved that two members of Armed Forces Movement accompanied the ministers lgiers.

sbon, Aug 23.—President ola interrupted his holiday y to chair a meeting here the Council of State, as purs spread of friction in the armed forces.

e meeting followed a week persistent speculation that e have been political dis-ements between conserv-ative officers and the coordinating committee of the Armed Forces Movement.

Earlier this week, newspapers reported that the Armed Forces Movement was to hold an important plenary meeting yesterday. But the meeting apparently never took place, and today the Armed Forces Command issued a communiqué denying that any of the numerous meetings of military men this week were anything out of the ordinary.—Reuter.

Algiers, Aug 23.—The visit of Dr Soares was shrouded in secrecy today, with diplomatic sources declining to confirm even that he had arrived.

Representatives in Algiers of the African Party for the Independence of Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde Islands (PAIGC) were unavailable for comment.

The first secret meeting in Algiers between the PAIGC and Dr Soares on August 9 failed to reach agreement.

Informed sources close to the PAIGC mission in Algiers said earlier, however, that the disagreement was slight and that a final accord could be expected soon. The Algerian press and radio have said nothing about the talks.

Portugal has already recognized the territory's right to independence, and agreed to transfer power to the PAIGC. Since the last round of talks, Portugal has supported the PAIGC's application for admission to the United Nations as an independent state.

Portugal has asked all other countries to recognize the republic, and has undertaken to do so itself as soon as the negotiations end successfully.—Reuter.

Lourenço Marques, Aug 23.—Guerrillas of the Mozambique Liberation Front (Frelimo), many in cars lent by Portuguese civilians, have been touring Mozambique's north-west region of Tete explaining the organization's aims, army sources said today.

Frelimo leaders started contacting the Tete population about a month ago as moves began to grant the territory independence.

Guerrilla leaders in the Tete district and senior Portuguese officers will meet secretly on Sunday, reliable sources said today.

In spite of unofficial ceasefires, travellers have been wary of this week's announcement by Portuguese military authorities that armed escorts for vehicles on the road between Tete and the port of Beira had been discontinued. Military authorities have now said that military escorts can be arranged on request.

Reports reaching here today said that two mines exploded yesterday under traffic on the road linking Tete with Rhodesia. The explosions were near Mazoe, but there were no details of casualties.

The explosions broke a local agreement reached on Wednesday with Frelimo guaranteeing security on the roads. Military authorities at Tete said the mines might have been laid some time ago, or an independent group of guerrillas might have been responsible.—Reuter and Agence France-Presse.

A Vietnamese child, together with the family possessions, is carried across a river as its parents flee from fighting near Danang.

Saigon loses yet another outpost

Saigon, Aug 23.—Communist forces have captured a third Government outpost in as many days north-west of Saigon, as well as a village near a beleaguered Central Highlands base camp, the South Vietnamese command reported today. The communists' latest acquisitions in their month-long series of campaigns up and down the country, were added to three other towns, two of them district capitals, which have fallen since Sunday.

The command added that the militia company defending an outpost 15 miles from the provincial capital of Tay Ninh, withdrew yesterday after an attack by a communist force supported by tanks. Forty-seven of about 120 militiamen from the outpost had reported to the nearest Government positions.

Farther north, in the Central Highlands, Government troops were advancing today towards the village of Plei Dolime after the withdrawal yesterday of its 30 militia and civilian defence force members. The village lies east of Plei Me base camp, which has been under pressure for more than two weeks.

Military sources said today that a Government relief column trying to reach Plei Me, some 215 miles north-east of Saigon, was engaged twice yesterday by communist forces. The column lost three men killed and two wounded while 23 communist troops were reported killed.

In rocket attacks on the big Bien Hoa air base, 15 miles north-east of Saigon, eight civilians were killed and 11 wounded the command said.

North-west of Saigon, communist forces attacked Government troops near the district town of Ben Cat. In the north of the country, Government forces led by paratroops today still appeared to be about four or five miles from the district capital of Thuong Duc, which was taken by the communists on Sunday.

Phnom Penh, Aug 23.—Cambodian Government troops have launched a series of counter-attacks against an insurgent force of 30,000, which is threatening Phnom Penh, military sources said today. They gave no details of the fighting, but the sound of artillery fire could be heard around the capital all through the night.

The Phnom Penh Government has urged friendly countries to help it to retain Cambodia's seat at the United Nations, which is fiercely challenged by Prince Norodom Sihanouk's Peking-based "government in exile".—Reuter.

Britain's support for population control

From Dessa Trevisan
Bucharest, Aug 23

Britain today joined other developed countries in offering help to nations adopting programmes to limit their population growth. Addressing the plenary session of the World Population Conference, the head of the British delegation, Lord Shepherd, Lord Privy Seal, said that the United Kingdom was ready to join in the effort of industrialized nations to provide food and jobs for populations in poorest regions and he urged action to prevent the ever-increasing population pressures in the next century.

Lord Shepherd said that unless this were done future generations might find it impossible to sustain a tolerable way of life.

Over the past eight years the birthrate in Britain, he disclosed, has been falling and is now at about replacement level. Not enough was known about the causes of declining birthrate and the Government was planning to investigate in depth the reasons for it. But, he said, in so far as it represented an approach towards a stable population it was welcome.

Lord Shepherd spoke of differing points of view which have been expressed at the conference and he said that while some countries and individuals are very conscious that world resources are finite and that there is a limit to the number of people who can be supported, others point to areas which are sparsely populated and have large untapped resources. However, the world should not remain complacent and nations must find means of ensuring a better life for thousands of millions of additional people in the next century. The objective is therefore to work out the action the countries need to take in order to prevent ever-increasing population pressures.

The conference continued today, after this morning's parade celebrating Romania's thirtieth anniversary of liberation. Mr Ceausescu, the Romanian leader, with Mr Kosygin, the Soviet Prime Minister on his right and Mr Li Sien-nien, the Chinese Deputy Premier on his left, waved to the crowds who marched for more than five hours and saluted the big military parade which displayed weapons made in Romania while Russian-made MiGs swept in formation low overhead.

Yesterday Mr Ceausescu paid tribute to the part played by the Red Army in Romania's liberation, but nevertheless reasserted Romania's independent stand, which is the cause of continued friction with Moscow. The presence here of Mr Kosygin certainly demonstrated that relations with Romania are not as close as Russia's with her other European allies of the Warsaw Pact because it is customary for Mr Brezhnev, the party leader, to attend such anniversaries. Mr Kosygin, who leaves tomorrow, has only an hour's talks with Mr Ceausescu, the usual span for a mere courtesy call.

Trainer crushed

Tokyo, Aug 23.—Visitors at the Ueno zoo saw a 4-ton female elephant crush and kill her trainer, Mr Sekine Tadao, while he was feeding her. A spokesman said that she probably tried to show appreciation.

Correction

In a report from Dacca in *The Times* on Wednesday the estimated crop loss due to floods was given as 1,500,000 tons. This was an error in transmission. The correct figure is 1,1o0,000.

ngola freedom movement nounces Luanda riots

Michael Knipe
da, Aug 22

Agostinho Neto, president e Popular Movement for Liberation of Angola LA), has dissociated his ment from the violence in da's slums earlier this h.

e people who incited the were unacceptable to the A, he said in a newspaper view published today. ns on walls and anti-white hlets, ostensibly the work e MPLA, appeared during ots when about 30 people and many stores owned by s were destroyed.

An MPLA congress is being held at present in Lusaka, the Zambian capital, where Dr Neto is attempting to retain the leadership of the movement and to unify three rival factions.

In contrast to Mr Daniel Chipenda, leader of one faction who has advocated a multiparty rule for Angola, Dr Neto said that he would not accept any of the new political organizations which had emerged since the coup in Lisbon.

He called for a non-racial Angola, saying it should have independence "with doors closed to all infiltration from imperialism and neo-colonialism".

$10m of drugs seized in Chicago raids

Chicago, Aug 23.—Police seized almost $10m (£4,400,000) worth of heroin and cocaine today. They arrested nine men and a woman here in a series of raids.

All those arrested, seven from Mexico and three from Puerto Rico, were charged with the illegal sale of heroin. If found guilty, they could be sentenced to at least 15 years' imprisonment.

Mr Ray Vinsik, acting Regional Director of the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency, told a press conference that 36lb of heroin had been seized in the Chicago area in the past two months.—Reuter.

Mr Yermolenko appears on Soviet television

Moscow, Aug 23.—Mr Georgi Yermolenko, the Russian violinist, said to have sought political asylum while on tour in Australia last week and then changed his mind, has said in a television broadcast that he hopes to continue his musical career in the Soviet Union.

Mr Yermolenko and Mr Dmitri Kabalevsky, the composer, who also went on the tour, were interviewed by Mr Yuri Fokin in a television programme screened last night directly after the main news programme of the evening.

Mr Kabalevsky, who did most of the talking, quoted the Australian Foreign Ministry as saying in a statement that no one from the touring Soviet party of eight musicians had asked for asylum.

He said that opponents of the Australian Government had tried to use the stay of the Soviet group to spite the Government. "They raised a clamour around the Soviet musicians, and it was very disgusting to see it all. There were four days of nightmare when we could not leave for home."

As the composer was speaking, Mr Yermolenko smiled. Mr Kabalevsky turned to him and said: "Georgi, you are smiling now, but it was not a smiling matter in those days, which we recall now with contempt and horror."

But, he went on, the Australian Government had taken "a realistic position," and had helped the Soviet group to leave. Mr Yermolenko was now alive and safe, and back to his musical activities.

Mr Yermolenko said only that his dream was to enter the Moscow Conservatory. Meanwhile he planned to continue with his violin class and take a composition class.

He and the rest of a Moscow student quintet of which he is a member then gave a short recital.—Reuter.

Champion Miles finishes with a draw

Manila, Aug 23.—The thirteenth junior chess championship ended here today with Tony Miles of England the new world champion with seven points at the end of the nine-round final pool.

Miles had already been assured of the title—the first ever won by a British player—when he defeated Alexander Kochiev of Russia in the eighth round on Wednesday, and today offered a quick 15-move draw to Roy Dieks of Holland, who was placed second.

Dieks, with Sweden's Lars-Ake Schneider and Slavoljub Marjanovic of Yugoslavia had 5½ points, and was declared runner-up by virtue of a better Sonnenborn-Berger rating.

Kochiev, earlier expected to win the title, was beaten by Peter Mack of West Germany in the last round. He, Mack and Seagio Giardelli of Argentina finished with 4½ points.—Agence France Presse.

lan to leap 800-yard canyon on 'sky cycle'

w York, Aug 23.—A profes-l stunt man, Mr Evel vel, is to try to jump more 800 yards across the sheer-Snake river canyon, Idaho, rocket-powered motorcycle. he succeeds, he will gain (£2,600,000). If he fails his parachute does not him safely to the floor of anyon 600ft below, insur-for the same amount will aid to his widow.

Knievel is to make his on September 8. Carrying d-topped cane he has staged than 60 press conferences er America to explain the n for his attempt to defy laws of gravity—that he gave his word he would do it and "you can pay no man a better compliment than that his word is his bond".

He calls his machine a "sky cycle". It consists of a rocket mounted on two wheels and is capable of 400 mph. On this he will shoot up a launching ramp built on one side of the canyon 2,000ft into the air. Then he will pull a lever to open a drogue parachute which should keep him and his machine airborne until they reach the other side.

A special buffer will lessen the impact on landing.

Asked about his chances, Mr Knievel replied that "if the parachute opens" they are good. "If it's not opening, then what the hell, I'll just get somewhere quicker where you're going anyway."

The death-defying leap will be shown on closed circuit television and the organizers estimate that 1,500,000 people will watch, as well as at least 50,000 spectators at the canyon.

If Mr Knievel succeeds television rights, badges and commission on various articles from shirts to commemorative ashtrays will assure him of $6m —more than Muhammad Ali and George Foreman will each receive for their world heavyweight boxing title fight at Kinshasa next month.—Agence France Presse.

Siberians were first men in N America

Storrs, Connecticut, Aug 23.—A team of Soviet and American archaeologists said yesterday that their discovery of 9,000-year-old artifacts on an Aleutian island was the "first direct link" that the first men in North America came from Siberia.

The archeologists said several kinds of tool blades unearthed on Anangula island this summer matched other blades previously discovered in Siberia.

"This is the first direct link we've had that the Aleuts came to the United States via the Bering land bridge that connected Siberia and Alaska about 9,000 years ago", Dr William Laughlin, head of the American team of eight, told a press conference at the University of Connecticut.

"With this recent expedition, we have now found all three links; the skeleton of the Aleut who killed the whale, what he killed it with and the bones of the whale."—AP.

ew British move to break nguilla deadlock

enry Stanhope
ce Correspondent

s Joan Lestor, Parliamen-Under-Secretary at the gn. and Commonwealth e, is to fly to Anguilla at eginning of next month, d with a set of proposals e long-term constitutional e of the troubled Caribbean d.

r visit, which is open-d, will include consultations Mr Ronald Webster, leader e Anguillan Council, and obert Bradshaw, the Pre-of St Kitts-Nevis, the h associated state which illa broke away from seven ago.

tain took over direct con-of the island in 1971, inting Mr A. C. Watson as missioner, who administers sland in conjunction with Anguillan Council. The lers enjoy autonomy in a er of domestic fields.

t this was only intended as terim settlement after four of political deadlock, and Britain promised to review the situation in three years' time. She also pledged that she would not force through any long-term settlement against the wishes of the islanders.

Miss Lestor's intention is to listen to the views of the Anguillans, and also of those of Mr Bradshaw. But it is virtually certain that Mr Webster and the Anguillan Council will not agree to any proposals which would return the 6,000 islanders to the three-island state of St Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, unless there are fundamental changes in the distribution of power.

Mr Webster and the Anguillans drew up their own draft constitution earlier this year, which would give them independence from St Kitts.

Miss Lestor will have difficulty in bringing all sides together.

Miss Lestor's proposals are expected to go at least some way towards meeting the view of the Anguillans themselves.

Church stand on Rhodesia inquiry

From Our Correspondent
Salisbury, Aug 23

Eleven Rhodesian church leaders, who circulated details of alleged acts of brutality by the security forces, are now insisting that any commission of inquiry appointed by the Smith Government must be of a judicial nature and free from influence.

The churchmen, who were replying to a promise by the Government to investigate the allegations, include Roman Catholic and Anglican bishops and a Methodist leader. They have sent through the mail between 500 and 600 copies of a dossier giving details of 10 alleged cases of ill treatment to black civilians by security forces. Their mailing list includes members of Parliament, senators, members of the professions, all the heads of faculties at the University of Rhodesia and leaders in commerce and industry.

When the churchmen let it be known what they were doing, the Government criticized them for not approaching it first with the dossier. A spokesman said that if the churchmen were genuine in saying that they were not seeking publicity, it was strange that they should first make their case known to the Government through the press.

In reply today, the Rev Frederick Rea, of the Methodist Church, said the group noted the Government's assurance to investigate allegations of ill-treatment. Everything now depended on how this was to be undertaken.

"It is our conviction that any future investigation must be of a judicial character or by an independent commission", Mr Rea said. Mr Desmond Lardner Burke, the Minister of Justice, was aware that certain cases had been submitted to him for his consideration with a request for an inquiry and judicial action. The church leaders also had an interview with Mr Ian Smith, the Prime Minister, and they had undertaken to avoid publicity pending his inquiries.

For 15 months not a word was said by them on the matter to the press; but after a protracted period of correspondence, the Minister of Justice indicated that he did not consider the evidence sent by the churchmen warranted judicial action.

They could not accept this so they again saw Mr Smith, who promised to make a personal investigation. After a further three months and several letters, the churchmen learnt that the Prime Minister had been content to ask the Minister of Justice for his comments on the case. Mr Smith had upheld Mr Lardner Burke's decision.

"We therefore addressed our appeal to a group of responsible citizens in order to obtain their support for an impartial inquiry" Mr Rea stated.

Three white members of the Rhodesian security forces have died as a result of a landmine explosion in the north-eastern region. Two were killed instantly when their vehicle overturned and the third man died later in hospital. Seven other soldiers were injured.

Forty-five members of the security forces have been killed since the guerrilla war on Rhodesia's north-Eastern border broke out again in December, 1972. In the same period 124 civilians, mostly black, and 373 guerrillas have lost their lives.

hinese vote main point of terest in Malaysia poll

Our Correspondent
a Lumpur, Aug 23

alaysians go to the polls to-ow in their first general ion since 1969, when vot-led to serious racial riots a period of emergency rule. time, however, the country relaxed mood. It is hard ee how any result could to trouble.

n Abdul Razak's nine-y National Front is bound e returned with a hand-e majority. It had 47 par-entary candidates returned pposed on nomination day needs to win only 31 more orrow for a majority in a seat Lower House. It seems ain to do much better than

he principal interest in the ion is in how the non-and hold effective political power.

Thus the non-Malays, who are mainly Chinese, must choose between supporting the National Front, to secure representation in what will otherwise be a Malay Government, and supporting Opposition.

These Opposition parties have been fighting among themselves and may largely cancel each other out. A likely result, with the non-Malays divided in the face of Malay unity, would be a weak Opposition coupled with weak non-Malay representation in the Government.

State as well as federal elections are being held in all states except Sabah, with more interest attaching to results at this level. It is possible that one or two states, such as Penang, Perak or Sarawak, may

India-Pakistan talks set for September 12

From Our Own Correspondent
Delhi, Aug 23

Talks between Indian and Pakistani officials on the resumption of postal and telecommunication links and travel facilities will be held on September 12, probably in Islamabad, Mr Swaran Singh, the Indian Minister for External Affairs, told Parliament today.

The talks were to have been held on June 10, but were cancelled by Mr Bhutto, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, after India had exploded a nuclear device in the Rajasthan desert on May 18.

According to Mr Swaran Singh, Mr Aziz Ahmed, his Pakistani colleague, took part in

Republicans seek tougher privacy laws

Washington, Aug 23.—A task force of Republican congressmen has proposed strict new rules to protect the privacy of individuals, including a flat prohibition of any kind of government surveillance without a court order.

The proposals were contained in a report of a task force on privacy headed by Mr Barry Goldwater Jr, a California Representative, the son of Senator Barry Goldwater, the former presidential candidate, and a leading advocate of legislation to protect individual privacy.

In addition to the ban on surveillance, Mr Goldwater listed these other proposals:

1. When an individual supplies information that will be made public, he must be notified

3. The application of the Bank Secrecy Act, which was passed in 1970 to make it easier for law-enforcement agencies to get information from banks, should be limited to protect privacy.

4. Parents should be able to see their children's school records, but access to those records by outsiders should be limited severely.

Mr Keith Sebelius, a Kansas Representative, recalled that he had once supplemented his income by gathering information for insurance companies and credit-rating agencies.

"A lot of what gets into the record is garbage", he said. "The fellow who succeeded me was an old man. He hated drinkers and he professed to be big on religion, but he was the greatest cutter-up of reputations that government or private firms collected about them, "that information is going to be a lot more correct".

The recommendations of the task force go well beyond the provisions of the main pieces of privacy legislation now pending in Congress by proposing restrictions on the use of state, local and private records as well as on federal records.—Washington Star-News.

Anthony Quayle made professor

Knoxville, Tennessee, Aug 22.—Anthony Quayle, the British actor, is to become a professor of theatre at the University of Tennessee as well as leading

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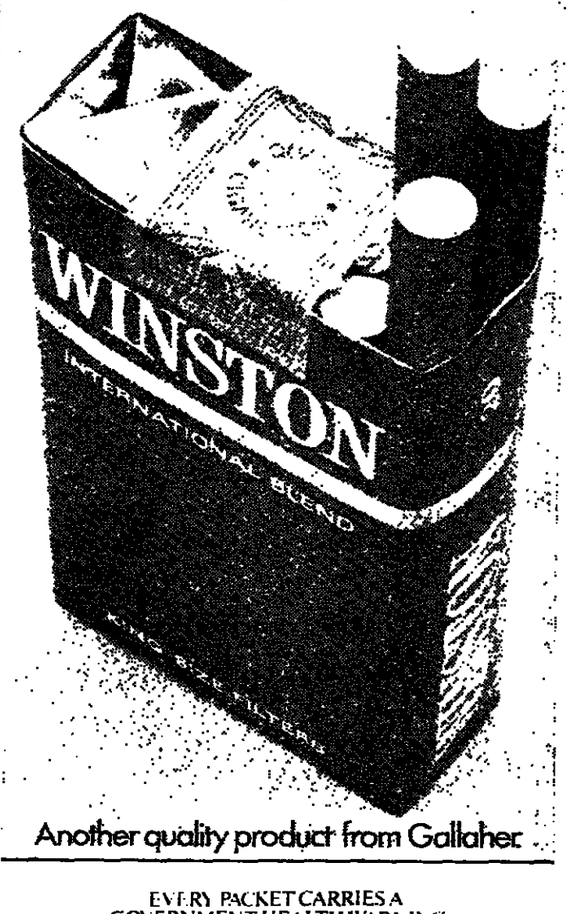

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Picture album of a Tsar

On the day traditionally set aside by the Orthodox Church to commemorate the sufferings and tribulations of St Job, May 6, Nicholas II was born in the Winter Palace in St Petersburg in 1868. To be born on such a day was an ill omen to the superstitious, and misfortune was to dog Nicholas from his earliest years. His uncle died of tuberculosis (as did his brother), his grandfather perished from a terrorist bomb attack, his only son inherited haemophilia, the bleeding sickness, from his mother. He was to launch Russia, unwillingly, on the most destructive war she had ever experienced, and he was to undergo the degradation of abdication and eventual murder, with all his immediate family, in a drab basement in Ekaterinburg. It is scarcely surprising that Nicholas remarked, more than once, on his unfortunate birthday. It was only through his uncle's unexpectedly early death that he even came to the throne.

Nicholas's grandfather, Alexander II "liberator of the serfs", had eight children by his first wife. His eldest son, Nicholas Alexandrovich, was destined to follow his father on the throne, and he was carefully prepared for his future role; his younger brother, Alexander, was given no special education or training, and was destined for the active but slightly aimless life of a Grand Duke. In 1864, when Nicholas Alexandrovich was 20, preparations were made for his engagement to Princess Dagmar of Denmark. Nicholas Alexandrovich visited Copenhagen for the announcement of their betrothal. However, it was clear that he was seriously ill, and he left for an extended tour of southern Europe, where it was hoped that a warmer climate might help him to recover. But the disease (which was to prove to be tuberculosis) progressed and he died in March 1865. On his deathbed he indicated that his brother Alexander should take his place, not only as Tsarevich, but also as Dagmar's husband. On June 11 the engagement of Alexander and Dagmar was announced, and she was baptized into the Orthodox faith under the name of Marie Feodorovna. They were married late the following year in St Petersburg.

If the world had remained basically unchanged for the past 60 years—in that the assassination at Sarajevo and all the conflict and revolution that followed had never occurred, we might well visit St Petersburg today, watch the changing of the guard at the Winter Palace, notice the double-headed eagles over the doorways of shops that were purveyors of goods to the Court of His Imperial Majesty, perhaps even observe the passage through the streets of the Emperor of All the Russias. But Princip and his friends were in Sarajevo that day, the world did burst into flames and crumble and die, and St Petersburg is now Leningrad and there are no shops that are Purveyors to the Court of His Imperial Majesty.

While the new regime looted and dispersed and destroyed much else, the residences of Nicholas II were left much as he left them, photographs and souvenirs without number remaining in place as if waiting for the family's return. But during the Second World War the German Army visited Gatchina and Pushkin and Petrodvorets and when they departed only broken shells remained. What could not be stolen or burnt, was blown up.

When I began work upon the biography of the late Emperor 15 years ago, photographs were considered of interest only in so far as they could provide information for the biography itself. Some would eventually be used to illustrate the work, but that was a matter for the future. Only as time progressed and the volume and richness of the materials available became apparent did it become obvious that it must be put to some use other than to provide a few dozen illustrations.

The court photographer, Hahn, took photographs of all court activities and copies were given to all of those appearing in them. Yet one would find a collection of excellent photos of some minor event but one of some great state occasion could not be located. Interesting photographs would not reproduce well and had to be discarded. Gaps existed of such glaring nature that they had to be filled in. In the end, more than 35,000 photographs were available for the project, but even that large number did not provide complete coverage. The basic criteria set for the album, that everything be original and previously unpublished, certainly complicated matters and much interesting material was rejected because it had been used before.

With rare exceptions, the photographs came from those who had owned them since they were taken. I have often wondered how and why so many Russians, leaving their homeland for the last time, found it possible to carry away bundles of snapshots or heavy leather-bound albums, ignoring more valuable and easily convertible items. Undoubtedly they valued the memory of what was more than the life that could be.

A great many of the photos were taken by members of the Imperial family. Everyone had a camera and taking photographs was a major leisure activity. The court photographers Levitski and Hahn, the society photographers Gorodetski and Iasvoin, the news photographer Bulla, all left these records of their art. Some of the pictures have a tragic past—such as the collection found by Judge Sokolov during his investigation of the events in Ekaterinburg. All record a world that is no more.

Marvin Lyons

Above : The future Emperor Nicholas II, aged two, with his mother

Left : On his engagement to Princess Alix of Hesse in 1894

Below : Another for the album : the court watching military manoeuvres in August 1913

Left : With his son Alexei by the River Dneiper in 1916

Below left : With a French admiral at Cherbourg during the royal visit in 1909

Below : One of the last pictures : sawing wood with Pierre Gilliard, Swiss tutor to the children, at Tobolsk in Siberia, where the royal family spent nine months of their "exile" in 1917-18

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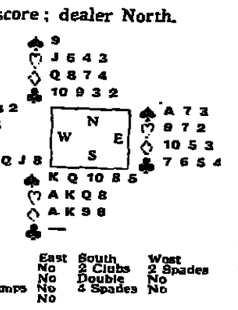
Bridge

Stealing thunder

you are not a duplicate ex- rt you reluctantly accept that u are unable to find a safe ute to game after an opponent s stolen your bid. A combined eration is needed to expose e fraud and your partner who trickless must coordinate his ding closely with yours if he to convey the shape of his nd. If he makes a meaning- s reply to your force you can y guess where his support s.

After agreeing with my part- to employ accepted ap- ach methods I opened Two bs on a poor type of five k hand. The next player bid o Spades and my partner ted to hear again from me. held S 9, H J643, D Q874, 0932, a useful collection osite 20 or more points and ive card suit. I doubled, tly to invite a response and tly to expose the intrusion. m with the knowledge that I ht have three ace kings my mer could not be sure ther he would be wise to , and he has not an obvious onse if he is looking for ic. If he feels it his duty to out the double, I think he should respond Three s, the lowest ranking suit, pass a rebid of Three No mps. His choice of bid was rtunate for me because I that my opponent had bid Spades holding five tricks ubs.

score; dealer North.



East	South	West	North
No	2 Clubs	2 Spades	No
No	Double	No	
trumps No	4 Spades	No	
No			

Club leads forced me to death and I was held to eight tricks. The contract we should have reached was Four Hearts, and this was possible if I had bid Three Diamonds over a take-out to Three Clubs and then Four Hearts over a raise to Four Diamonds. The take-out into Two No Trumps persuaded me that North had a balanced hand with at least two or three spades. A simple way to have avoided loss on the deal was to have opened with any bid but Two Clubs.

This is not an extreme case of highway robbery. A reader asked me how, as North in the next deal, he could reach Four Hearts after West had stolen his bid.

Game all; dealer East.

East	South	West	North
1 Club	No	1 Heart	No
1 Spade	No	No	Double
2 Clubs	No	2 Spades	No
No	No		

South passed because his partner's belated double of Two Hearts suggested more points in diamonds than elsewhere. Obviously North wishes to play Four Hearts in which he has 10 tricks—eight in his hand and two ruffs in dummy, but I do not see how he is to reach game unless he takes a wild plunge. Perhaps he should have bid Three Hearts on the first round to expose West's meagre holding.

In Two Spades, South wisely led a trump, but failed to defeat the contract because East found the missing diamonds well-placed.

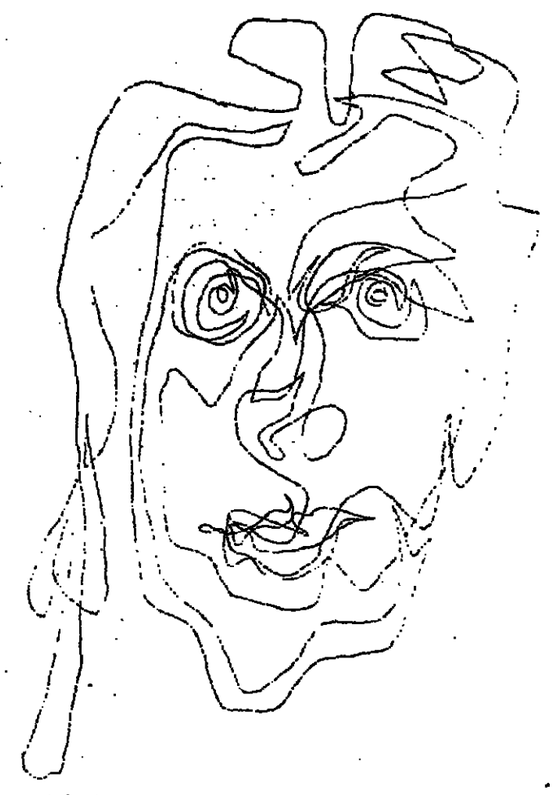
Edward Mayer

Klee at the Edinburgh Festival

This year's Edinburgh Festival has more to offer of value in the visual arts than usual. Without doubt the most important exhibition is that of late works by Paul Klee, organized by the Arts Council of Great Britain, and on show in Edinburgh at the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art until September 16. The Scottish Arts Council is showing the Ludwig Collection from Aachen at the Royal Scottish Academy and *Art Then*, an exhibition of English art between the wars, at its gallery in Charlotte Square, which is complemented by an exhibition entitled *Aspects of Abstract Art 1910-1960* at the Talbot Rice Centre, Edinburgh University. The Scottish Arts Council has also organized a show of work by young Dutch artists, chosen by Caroline Tisdall, art critic of *The Guardian*, which is at the Old Fruit Market by Waverley Station.

Richard Demarco has produced an even fuller programme than usual of exhibitions, events, performances including a summer school and a conference on Oil and Scotland—a three-day discussion involving artists, architects, politicians and technologists. Among the speakers have been, notably, Buckminster Fuller and Joseph Beuys. Another major attempt to bring the visual arts into confrontation with political and social realities is the exhibition of work by prisoners, including some remarkable sculpture by Jimmy Boyle, an associate of the Kray brothers who is serving a life sentence for multiple murder in the Special Unit of Barlinnie maximum security prison in Glasgow. I hope to discuss this more fully with other events organized by Demarco in a later article.

The Klee exhibition is of late works done after he left Germany in 1933 and is drawn entirely from the Berne collection of his son, Felix Klee, and selected by him. Klee had moved from the Bauhaus to teach at the Düsseldorf Academy in 1931. In April, 1933, he was dismissed by the Nazis. He returned to his birth place, Berne, in Switzerland. Two years later, in 1935, the disease appeared which was to kill him in 1940. The works produced during these last seven years of his life in Switzerland are more restrained than his earlier work. Yet most still preserve the quality of purposeful play, the wry humour, of his earlier periods, although there are a few works of sombre foreboding, like the self-portrait painted in 1933, which he called *Struck from the List*, where a black cross cancels the subdued coloured forms.



Elderly spinster, 1931

Although born in Switzerland, Klee was not Swiss, although he applied for Swiss nationality shortly before his death. His father was a German music teacher who taught in Berne. His mother's family originated in the south of France and there is said to have been north African connexions on this side of the family. But Klee seems to have regarded himself as a German—at least until the Nazi takeover. He studied art at the Academy in Munich and served in the German army in the First World War. The greater part of his adult life was spent in Germany. His work can be seen in a German tradition which runs from Dürer and which manifests itself now in the work of an artist like Joseph Beuys. The exhibition of drawings by Beuys, which I reviewed when it opened in Oxford, and which was seen recently in Edinburgh and is now at the ICA in London until the end of August, provides an interesting comparison with Klee.

At Forrest Hill, the former poorhouse where the Demarco oil conference is being held, there are exhibited a series of photographic blow-ups by Caroline Tisdall of a recent event by Beuys in the United States involving a live coyote. Beuys's involvement with wild creatures—one of his best-known tableaux involved a dead hare—is close to Klee's feeling for the multiplicity of living creations, the vitality of the line, and the autonomy of natural and imaginary forms. The Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, where the Klee exhibition is being held is in the Royal Botanic Gardens and, walking from the gardens into the light and uplifting rooms of Inverleith House is a visual continuity sharpened by the controlled liberation of Klee's imagination. And if to some extent Klee's late work may reflect the political situation of the Thirties and the awareness of his own incurable illness and approaching death, he preserves to the end the life-enhancing vitality of line, colour and form which marks his work from its earliest beginnings.

The exhibition will be shown at the City Art Gallery in Bristol from October 10 to November 25, and at the Hayward Gallery in London from December 13 to January 12. I hope to discuss it further when it is in London.

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Mike Leigh: working with folks

If every performance is a chain of impacts, every rehearsal is an opportunity to take it to pieces and put them together again. When a director and his actors create a play without a playwright, they are free to scrap some links and reforge others. As in *Caméra Stylo* films, the director needs to be something of an author himself, and, even if he is, too much freedom can work as a disadvantage, but it will be surprising if the next 20 years do not produce a great many more experiments in evolving scripts out of improvization.

The most successful pioneer of the art in the British theatre is Mike Leigh, a 31-year-old director whose *Bleak Moments*, which was first a play and then a film, won prizes at the Chicago and Locarno Festivals in 1972, and he won a George Devine Award for 1973. He is now working with five RSC actors on an improvized play which has not yet been titled. It opens at Stratford-on-Avon's studio theatre The Other Place on Tuesday.

He went to RADA when he was 17. "Found it a disorientating experience, though not at the time conscious of why. Virtually no improvization, certainly none that related to character and motive. Lip-service to Stanislavski, but as a course it was extremely sterile and in one's adolescent ignorance one knew one wasn't getting a creative buzz out of it, like I knew you could out of drawing and painting. The whole criterion was 'This is how we do it'. Professionalism and technique were slogans.

"Spent some time as an ASM, got my eye injured in an accident in a theatre, spent some time in hospital and some time in films doing tiny parts and watching what it was about. Then got very cheesed off and went to Camberwell Art School. Doing life drawing in a disused school in Peckham. It was the one London art school at that time which hadn't been hit by that amazing preoccupation with Pop Art, Op Art and that early trendiness. I began the life class with very fine pencils, drawing fine lines of character and caricature, and at the end of the day the tutors came round and said 'Rubbish. Get a thick pencil and look at the space.' Then one got the hang of it and started to be drawing organically but also investigating character. I suddenly twigged what it was that I hadn't experienced as an actor. The whole thing of the creative experience being something that's unpredictable but controlled—you're actually discovering something new."

Meanwhile a RADA friend was writing a play about art students. "The first version of *Little Malcolm and His Struggle against the Eunuchs* was 14 hours long, but eventually we did it at the Unity Theatre in March 1965. I directed it and designed it and David Halliwell played Scrawdyke. The performance ran six and a half hours and the production—not the play—was beyond any question rubbish. We'd said glibly 'Somehow we'll cut it by improvizing' and we tried but nothing happened.

"I then went to work as Assistant Director at the Midlands Arts Centre, Birmingham. My brief was to do something with the teenagers in the Arts Club, so I started to do plays evolved from improvizations. Eventually I got cheesed off and cleared out, knowing that that was what I wanted to do, with professional actors. The response of most people was: 'That sort of thing's all right with kids or amateurs but not with professionals.' I spent a lot of time out of work being very browned off and trying to write plays. But the process of sitting in a room alone and doing it isn't in my gift. I need the feedback and the organic process of working with folks. Then in 1967 I went to the RSC as an Assistant Director for Peter Hall's last season, and I did an improvized play at Stratford in the Conference Hall with actors who weren't involved in a particular production. People liked it and it's because of remembering that that Trevor Nunn's asked me to do this all these years later."

His method of work depends partly on the length of the rehearsal period. He had ten days to prepare his late night show for the Traverse Theatre, Edinburgh, last year; for this year's Stratford play he has had ten weeks. He starts, almost involuntarily, with his current preoccupations. "I'm a bit caught up with being 31 and that total change of perspective forwards and backwards about age and change. Suddenly my Dad, who's 60, seems not to be so old as all that, and people who are 20, 21, suddenly frighten me to death in certain cases. Recently I got married to an actress called Alison Steadman, so one's perspective about lots of things shifts as a result of the prospect of having kids and in the context of the next generation getting older. On another level I've always wanted to have a go at the whole thing of doctors. My father's a doctor in Salford. Other things suggest each other. I've been very bugged about Ulster and the way it's just taken for granted.

"Like any artist one has a series of floating, interrelated conceptions, and how they relate to each other is discovered by the process of actually doing it. Plot evolves out of what happens, which is definitely a function of the actors in conjunction with the things that bounce off on me and bounce back. Had different actors been in it, it would have been a different play, but that is not saying the play is about projected personalities of the actors. The whole thing hinges on not letting anything become holy or definitive until it's crossed over into the area of potentially dramatic or theatrical imagery. Even then you can change it."

For the first seven of his 10 weeks he did not know where the action would be set or when the story would begin. A large proportion of the time was spent working with the actors individually and in private. "If it were you, I'd describe the sort of guy the character's going to be, and ask you to find from your own experience somebody or a number of people you've actually known who complies with these specifications. Then each actor starts to build a character in isolation. What I never do is say 'Now this is an idea for a play. Let's all think up characters and improvise.' You create a set of organic characters that exist solidly, and you can then do anything within the bounds of their lives."

Ronald Hayman

A touching Violetta

La Traviata
Coliseum

William Mann

The principal roles have changed hands in the English National Opera's current revival of Verdi's *La Traviata*. Violetta was one of Josephine Barstow's earliest successes (with Yorkshire Opera) and her interpretation has matured into something very sensitive and vulnerable and touching, especially from the second act onwards. In the first act on Thursday her vocal idiosyncrasies (notably the hollow, almost constricted tone-colour and the inclination to attack the first note of a phrase from an octave or a tenth below) were uncomfortably prominent. But the great scene with Germont senior was exquisitely felt and graded, with a lovely "Dite alla giovine" (I cannot cite it in Edmund Tracey's translation, so lazy is Miss Barstow about enunciating consonants); and later the ending of "Addio del passato" was brought off with moving self-control, a ravishing *portamento* up to a whispered top A and a noiseless collapse on the floor.

John Brecknock's Alfredo is lithe and tender and lyrical, much more precise about verbal enunciation (the *raison d'être* of opera in the vernacular) and yet so gentle in tone that when he lets go in the second party scene we wonder how such a nice young gentleman could shout so at a lady, let alone shower her with filthy lucre. With his charm and musicianship he deserved the cabaletta to his second act aria; it was a pleasure to hear this and the one to "Di Provenza" which Neil Howlett sang sympathetically—he had begun with tones of awesome authority, and nicely prepared for father's ultimate admission of utter remorse.

The smaller parts are well cast and played (Ann Hood's Flora and Terry Jenkins's life-and-soul Gaston, for instance). Yet the performance was ultimately disappointing because John Wilks conducted so rigidly and hurriedly, causing lapses of ensemble, expressive discomfort to singers and dancers, and dreadfully dull orchestral playing, even in the heartrending passages. It was disheartening to hear so much careless rhythm and bent note-values in a revival already performed several times this month. There was, actually, one attempt at rubato in the ritornelli of "Di Provenza" but so stiffly done as to sound as if the clutch had slipped.

Centenary for RSC

The Royal Shakespeare Company is presenting new productions at Stratford next year of *Henry IV, part one*; *Henry IV part two*; *Henry V* and *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. The quartet will form part of the RSC's celebration of 100 years of Shakespearian theatre organization in Stratford as the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre was first incorporated there on June 27, 1875.

As part of the celebrations in London there will be a return to the Aldwych Theatre (after two years' absence) of the World Theatre Season directed by Sir Peter Daubeny. Other productions will include two current RSC successes, *Travesties* and *Sherlock Holmes*, as well as a new production of *Hedda Gabler* with Glenda Jackson. Future plans at the

Turning away from the mirror

Twelfth Night
RSC, Stratford

Irving Wardle

The main intention of Peter Gill's production is inscribed on the back wall of William Dudley's bare set: the figure of Narcissus gazing down into his pool.

Never has Illyria been more remote from the outside world. John Price's Orsino lounges on cushions to languorous violin music fondling whichever favourite happens to be lying closest. Mary Rutherford's Olivia is withdrawn into complacent self-regard as an ice-princess. Malvolio, in his own way, is the greatest narcissist of the lot (and the only one who finally resists cure).

All are intoxicated with their own reflections, and the function of Viola and Sebastian is to put them through an Ovidian obstacle course from which they learn to turn away from the mirror and form real attachments.

The emphasis is on the play's erotic metamorphoses, and this means underplaying the cramped little room with Toby putting his feet up on a chest marked "Sir T. Belch"; solid box hedges are trundled into the dreamlike environment for the gulling of Malvolio.

Given the production's aims, I suppose these proportions are right. But it means losing a lot of fun and leaving some areas unexplored. For instance, Patricia Hayes plays Maria as an elderly nurse-like figure with no evident attachment to David Waller's lazily free-loading Sir Toby. Nor does Sir Andrew show much interest in Olivia: Frank Thornton plays him as a dejected White Knight with no will of his own, who scores downbeat laughs on lines like "Shall we set about some revels?" while looking down at his inturned toes.

Unfunniest of all is Ron Pember's Cockney Feste, a most unmusical Fool who rasps the songs out in defiance of voluptuous accompaniment, and plays more as an unshaven malcontent than as a paid entertainer who has to watch the moods of his audience. This Feste would not have waited for the whirlidduction as its main comedian and main erotic victim. He is an eternal outsider wearing the uniform of someone who belongs. In his black steward's suit and chain he looks like some heavy piece of antique furniture, and you can almost hear him creaking when he moves.

He prefixes his early lines with sagacious pauses, and then the voice comes out—reedy, Welsh, and ridiculous. The garden scene, where he tortures the MOAI conundrum into experimental Welsh words, has an almost unbearable privacy. And his cross-gartering fits poignantly into the production's scheme as a planned metamorphosis that fails to work out.

Physically Jane Lapotaire and Robert Lloyd supply a close piece of doubling as Viola and Sebastian: with the oddity that the usual sexual balance is reversed. Both are much fondled: Viola by Orsino, Sebastian by Antonio. But where Miss Lapotaire comes on as a neutral androgynous presence, a blank screen on to which others project their fantasies, Mr Lloyd

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BBC 1

9.00 am, Camberwick Green. 9.15, You Are There. 9.35, Vision On. *10.00, Pardon Us, film, with Laurel* and Hardy.* 10.55, Weather. 11.00, Golf, Double Diamond International Team Tournament; and Cricket, Third Test. 12.30, Grandstand: 12.35, Football Preview. 1.00, 2.20, 3.25, Cricket; 1.35, 2.05, 2.40, 3.10, *Racing from Goodwood*; 1.50, 3.25, Golf; 3.25, Athletics from Cwmbran; 4.40, Final Score. 5.05, We Want to Sing.
5.35 News.
5.50 Blackpool Tower Circus.
6.40 Film: One Million Years BC, with Raquel Welch, John Richardson.
8.15 It's Cliff Richard, with Hank Marvin, John Farrar.
9.05 Kojak, with *Telly Savalas.*
9.55 News.
10.10 Match of the Day.
11.10 Parkinson.
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12.25 Weather.
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Gardening

Seeds of inflation

ost gardeners are incurable timists. They have to be. But rdeners will need all their timism in face of the gloomy edictions about prices next ar.

My market gardener friends they expect to see the cost vegetables in the shops rease by about 50 per cent r year. The reasons are the matic increase in the cost of ds (this will also affect the ateur gardener), and the inases in the costs of packag materials, fuel, transport, ilizers and, of course, wages. it prices, too, will obviously affected by the same cost ors, with the exception of prices.

eed prices are up by 100 per in some cases. Radish seed p by 80 per cent, runner s and some cabbage ieties by 75 per cent, most sicas, carrots, lettuce, onion sweet corn will be up by 50 cent. Supplies of many eties will be short.

ere are several reasons for e higher prices. Many of new and improved varieties yield less seed per acre. erable seeds need more ur and handling than grain s, and growers prefer als which are easy to grow harvest and for which there safe market. The prospects he seed industry look as if will deteriorate for two or e years before we can hope may improve.

this reinforces the inten formed by many people to more of their own fruit vegetables. There is plenty me to decide what vege to grow next year, and in al homes I know the size ature of the vegetable crop feature of the discussion the size of the deep er, that is about to be ased.

e people, very reasonably, the view that it would be rable to devote the greater of the available ground, and energy to growing such ables as peas, beans and corn, any surplus of which e frozen for use in winter. say they are not greatly sted in turnips, swedes, and winter greens. All of is understandable, gh it does create problems p rotation if the types of able grown are severely cted.

can of course, as I have ted before, bring straw s into the rotation as an , a two or three year crop rtainly would not recom keeping strawberry plants a third crop. So too with artichokes. A new row he offshoots of old plants be planted each year in or April, and the oldest scarded after it has given d year's crop.

king at the economics of vegetable growing, those that freeze well are lly more expensive than inter greens and roots, gh these, goodness knows, been dear enough, and destined to go up smartly. let us turn to fruit. For nateur, apples, pears and are the obvious top fruits, e space available will dic e type of tree—standard, tandard, bush, or some re d form where applicable, as cordons, espaliers or

Most apple trees will set a crop with their own pollen, but it is desirable to plant two or three varieties, flowering at the same time, to ensure pollination. Most catalogues indicate suitable varieties to plant together.

Pears, on the other hand, mostly need pollinators to ensure a crop, and again information on varieties to plant together is given in catalogues. My first choice of pears would be Conference, William's Bon Chrètien, and Doyenné du Comice, and I would try to give the Comice the best spot in the garden, on good soil, warm and sheltered.

Plums are generally more self fertile, but some of the best varieties, such as Coe's Golden Drop and Old Greengage need pollinators—Victoria for Coe's, and Marjorie's Seedling for Old Greengage. Fortunately some of the best gages—Oullin's Golden Gage, Early Transparent, and Denniston's Superb are self fertile.

I am glad to say that there are reasonable stocks this year of family trees—apple or pear trees on which three different varieties have been grafted. Last year the demand was so heavy that supplies which, of course, are limited each year, ran out and several readers were disappointed.

Anyone interested, however, may order now from Highfield Nurseries, Western Forestry Company Ltd, Whitminster, Gloucester GL2 7PL. These trees are excellent for any garden, especially a small one, as the three varieties on each tree are chosen to cross pollinate each other, and my family tree has always set a good crop.

These are the combinations of dessert varieties available: "B" Red Ellison, Cox's Orange Pippin and Laxton's Superb; and "K" Discovery, Egremont Russet and Golden Delicious. Then there are two dessert cum culinary trees—"M" Grenadier, Worcester Pearmain and Charles Ross; and "R" James Grieve, Sunset and Lord Derby. There is also a tree "W" with Howgate Wonder, Bramley's Seedling and Newton Wonder, all cookers. The family pear tree "X" consists of Conference, William's Bon Chrètien and Doyenné du Comice.

A fair selection of dessert apples would be George Cave, early, Red Ellison, an improvement on Ellison's Orange, Sunset, Fortune, Epicure, Idared, an improvement on Wagener, and Spartan, a fine late keeper. Note that I have not included Cox's Orange Pippin. It needs well drained but good rich soil and is not an easy apple for the amateur.

For a culinary apple Blenheim Orange, Lane's Prince Albert, Newton Wonder and James Grieve are good and would pollinate each other.

Still thinking in terms of growing for the deep freeze as well as for consumption of the fresh crop, the cultivated berries are excellent value. Any garden should be able to provide space for one or two cultivated blackberries or loganberries and they are excellent for screening walls and fences, whether in town or country gardens.

Allow about eight feet between the plants, 12 feet for such a vigorous variety as the Himalaya berry which produces very heavy crops of large black berries. The Oregon thornless blackberry is much less vigorous, but is easier to handle and is very suitable for a small garden. It is also possible to buy the thornless loganberry, and not only are the thornless berries easier to handle as far as pruning and tying are concerned, but they are more comfortable to move among at picking time.

Roy Hay

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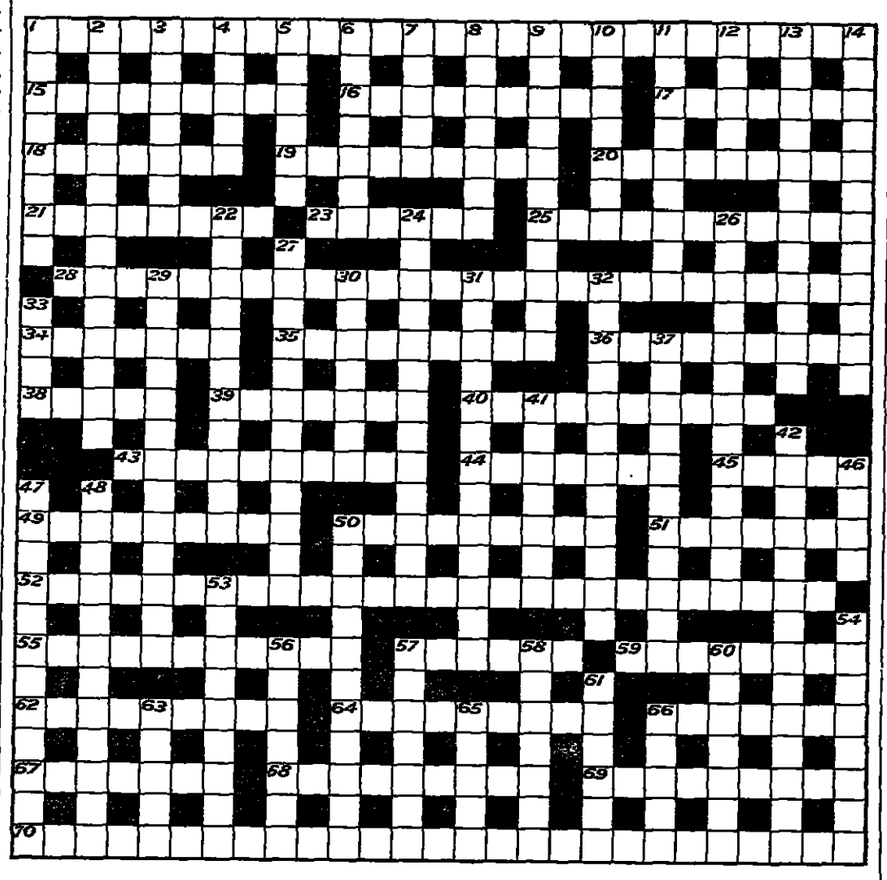

ACROSS

1 Like Scott's ministering angel in leisure time (9, 3, 3, 4, 2, 6).
15 Went into the tanning business (9).
16 The end of Miss Muffet—a natural disaster (9).
17 Sir Robert disturbed about ten in the morning, for instance (7).
18 Vindicates inclusion of semi-geum in geum genus (7).
19 True, so they say, description of Mrs Newlywed's clothes (9).
20 Man is found in phony Siberian religion (9).
21 General holding violin lacked the skill of Sherlock Holmes (8).
23 Is this man an American or a politician? (6).
25 Pacifies with Alice's tonic mixture (11).
28 Their death was announced after Hamlet's (11, 3, 12).
34 Taxi in low gear—baby's gear? (7).
35 Boots and shoes, such a bother certainly (9).
36 Swan blasting away at 70 (9).
38 Is this merchant a budding warmonger? (5).
39 Wavy-edged (hint in this) (7).
40 Where poor Dot's defied—by the bards? (10).
43 Previously the Old Contemptibles—nothing about a worker (10).
44 A northern power involved in no cloak and dagger hostilities (4, 3).
45 Arrangement of vehicles in ranks (5).
49 Distribution of everything and nothing to men in the race (9).
50 He went (from Natal possibly in a small car) to the "demnition bow-wows" (9).
51 Hottest state in Mexico for oyster-eaters? (7).
52 So Ben wished to be toasted by Celia (5, 2, 2, 4, 4, 5, 4).
55 What the old soldier wore at the front (11).
57 For bunny's tail put this on—understand? (6).
59 Roasters cooked? Champion! (8).
62 How a GP became perfect? (9).
64 Sunday for Hugo's hunchback (9).
66 Two-tone bird resembling a coot? (7).
67 Counterfeit—it includes man holding it (7).
68 They include at least six books of essays including one record (9).
69 Down on one's skis but here up on one's bottom (5-4).
70 WRAC as "knocked" by Knox? (3, 9, 8, 2, 5).

DOWN

1 500 leave Bedfordshire town, too rocky (8).
2 Monopolist suggesting that breathing is by grace and favour? (14).
3 Red arsenic causes gal trouble in the back (7).
4 Musketeer appears a dubious character (5).
5 Altogether the original fashion (6).
6 No incoming mail in this remote settlement (7).
7 Measures of a playful rival (5).
8 Merry trippers of the northern lights fantastic (7).
9 Beauty's soporific Chinese remedy (11).
10 Winter does so, they say, with no grass coming up (5, 2).
11 Is a company thus efficacious as a customers' benefit society? (9).
12 Woolly creature seen up a shaded walk (5).
13 Dates for equipment (12).
14 It's charitable to change, say, enemy role (12).
22 Used by a crystallographer, arranging orchid room (11).
24 Quality that made Kant such a super philosopher? (13).
26 Like an over-extravagant or a nagging wife (13).
27 Hammett's Maltese bird, female, but not so deadly? (6-6).
29 Heavenly phenomena overshadowing camera shots of the race (7, 6).
30 Upright artistic associate raised this NZ reptile (7).
31 He twice ignores Mr Punch's advice—some gratitude misplaced (13).
32 Mail controller dictates postage due (6-6).
33 Bill is beloved of Galatea (4).
37 Savvies where to shelter at a race-meeting? (11).
41 Jenny was such a nightingale! (7).
42 Being the basis of this neo-Gallic philosophy? (14).
46 A billiard-ball, see? (4).
47 His sons will be among the first to be named (12).
48 Everybody repeating pepper-picking Peter Piper's description (12).
50 Some unquiet disturbs a French writer (11).
53 28 came between "the pass and fell incensed points of mighty ——" (9).
54 Belief takes on following in a Devon town (8).
56 Checking books, he damages a Tudor one (7).
57 Shouting about the love of France (7).
58 Work, an unusually large amount—it's beastly (7).
60 "A woeful ballad Made to his mistress' ——" (AYLI) (7).
61 Almost make contact with an exotic bird (6)
63 Nothing huge raised here in Kenya (except elephants) (5).
65 Cook's topping sequel to "Arms and the Man" say? (5).
66 But it can be played loudly (5).

Travel

Cover for emergencies

The possibility of becoming ill in a foreign country is one of the major nightmares associated with holiday travel, along with such ancillary worries as loss of tickets, road accidents, the theft of one's luggage or money. In fact, when one pauses to catalogue all the things that could go wrong, it is something of a miracle that the vast majority of holidaymakers are able to write "Having a lovely time" on their postcards home.

If you have to fall ill abroad, then you should choose somewhere like Denmark where treatment is free on production of your British passport, and medicines may be obtained at reduced cost. Yugoslavia also provides free emergency treatment, while in Norway you do not have to pay if you are confined to hospital, and may be reimbursed up to 80 per cent of other costs through the Norwegian social security system.

Other lands have other systems for reimbursing the sick foreigner, methods which mirror their styles of bureaucracy. Within the EEC countries the key to the system is Form E111, a somewhat unknown and elusive document which can only be obtained by filling in another form (CM1) before you go away on holiday. You get CM1 from a Social Security or Employment Office, as well as a booklet explaining the rules for medical cover in the EEC countries, and how they vary.

Because reciprocal arrangements exist within the EEC, it was claimed as long ago as June, 1973, that "British holidaymakers were paying thousands of pounds for insurance they do not need". The short answer, alas, is that the theory of adequate medical cover is way ahead of the practice. The average holiday traveller has neither the time nor the inclination to entangle himself in the bureaucratic machinery. In Italy, West Germany and France, one has to visit a sickness insurance office and exchange Form E111 for yet another document before visiting a doctor, and must choose that doctor from a special list. What happens after that depends on the national variations to the theme. You may have to pay the doctor, take the receipt to the sickness office and obtain a full or partial refund.

The problem with all this, of course, is that medical emergencies take no account of office hours, national holidays, strikes and so on. And they also result in expense other than the direct cost of treatment. For example, the "certificate of entitlement" (son of E111, or part three of the paper chase) does not allow for repatriation or hotel and other expenses incurred by a friend or relative who remains after the holiday's end. Probably more important, it cannot be used by self-employed people anyway.

The representative of one insurance company in the holiday field summed it up thus: "I do not believe people will go through all the bother for the sake of saving a couple of pounds insurance premium".

So let us consider what one gets for those "couple of pounds".

If you buy an inclusive holiday from one of the main tour companies, insurance is included at a cost of between £1 and £2 a head, depending on the duration of the holiday. These "package" policies, offered automatically on the booking form so that refusal is a conscious decision, provide cover against having to cancel or curtail the holiday, for medical and other expenses, accidents abroad and the loss or damage to personal luggage and money.

It is a comprehensive deal which a surprisingly large number of people reject. The reason, apparently, being that retail travel agents prefer to offer insurance cover quite separately, usually through local brokers.

Going through the holiday brochures, trying to spot the insurance weaknesses, it is clear that some tour companies have policies which set an upper age limit of 70 or 75, although a gratifying number have dropped that exclusion. And it is usual to exclude liability for existing medical conditions.

"Because these policies are offered on a mass basis, there is little room for manoeuvre", a tour company executive explained. "If people have special problems, usually in the medical field, they may be better advised to get a tailor-made insurance policy".

The advantage of such a policy is that existing medical conditions can be taken into account, usually on payment of an increased premium, although anyone with a history of heart trouble is likely to get little encouragement for his skiing holiday plans. And the personally arranged policy can provide greater financial cover in specific areas.

The non-package tour traveller will clearly have to make individual provision with such a personally arranged policy but, generally speaking, the tour company policies do cover most holiday situations. When I spoke recently to the British Insurance Association, however, I was left in no doubt that professionals are a trifle unhappy about the whole holiday insurance scene.

On the one hand, the BIA suggests that some tour company arrangements do not provide adequate cover, while on the other it is admitted that most insurance companies regard holiday policies as a nuisance—they make little profit on them and get a share of the bad publicity when some traveller gets into trouble. This happens all too often because medical cover is inadequate.

Generally, tour company policies go up to £750 or £1,000, but treatment abroad can cost far more—especially in the United States which is rapidly becoming a "pop" holiday destination. In Europe, around £800 will cover first aid or a temporary sickness, but if you are injured or become ill and have to go into hospital, then £1,000 or £1,500 might be required. It is under these circumstances that the EEC arrangements are supposed to work, but a survey among members of the Consumers' Association showed that of 50 people taken ill in EEC countries only about a dozen had the form and only two managed to use it without problems. One other discovered that the local office did not understand the procedure and had difficulty getting his money. A fourth had still not been paid after four months.

This apart, it is vital to be covered for the extra non-medical expense that can be incurred as a result of accident, injury or illness—repatriation, hotel bills etc. This latter requirement, of course, should also be borne in mind by those members of private health insurance schemes such as BUPA or PPP, whose subscriptions cover them against medical costs abroad.

Examples of these "extra" costs are easy to come by, for the insurance companies have bulging files on holiday horror stories, occasionally with happy endings. A motorist, stranded in Biarritz with a serious knee injury, contacted his insurers who flew him and his wife to Heathrow and sent a driver out to bring back the car. All it cost the client, apart from his premium, was the price of the telephone call from Biarritz to London. Another motorist, in Spain, was unable to drive after he smashed his contact lenses. He cabled his insurers, giving the name of his optician and replacement lenses were flown out to him the following morning. All he paid was the cost of the cable and the new lenses.

The capacity of an insurance company to act quickly must be of prime importance, for it is vital that hospitals, garages, hotels and others to whom payment must be made should know *at the time of the emergency* that their bills will be met. Getting a spare part flown to a damaged car is a simple example. Handing over a cheque to a hospital is another.

In this sphere of swift action, a Croydon based company called Europ Assistance has made a considerable impact. It is substantially supported by tour companies and the majority of retail travel agents and this support is growing, despite the drop in holiday bookings this year.

It sells, essentially, the kind of cover one should have in addition to basic policy provisions—whether that basic policy comes from a tour brochure or as a tailor-made affair. For motorists, it provides car replacement and recovery services, accident repair and spare part supply. It can also call upon specially equipped jet powered air ambulances and a network of medical advisers throughout Europe. A telephone call to its London switchboard, manned round the clock by multi-lingual operators, gets the help on its way. "If a chap has been injured abroad, it is no good waving pieces of paper about and telling everyone that all will be taken care of in the long run", a Europ Assistance spokesman said. "What we provide is what is most needed. Instant service, geared to the emergency."

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Chess

Unprecedented tie

Loathsome though the process is, I must return to last week's piece. Some graphically inclined devil must have been loose in the printing department. In the first place, he did his devilish best with the diagram, substituting for a White Queen on KB3 and a White King on KKt1 a Black Queen and a Black King. This same devil, probably prompted by Beelzebub himself (a prince of darkness with the ranking of grandmaster in hell) caused some moves to be left out at the end of the game. For the record the moves were: 28. Q-B3, RxB; 29. R(K1)xR, RxR.

I see I indulged in a prophecy last week to the effect that Hartston would emerge triumphant in the end. Well, he did not exactly do that; but I think he himself would be the first to admit to having been pleased at becoming, at any rate, one seventh victorious. This kind of tie is quite unprecedented in the history of the British Championship. There have been ties quite often in the past of course. I have myself figured in two such occurrences. It was at Harrogate in 1947 that Broadbent and I tied for first place with the title eventually going to me after a play-off. Again in 1950 at York I tied with Jonathan Penrose and Michael Haygarth for first place and both Michael and myself were quite outclassed in the play-off by the redoubtable Jonathan. Odd that now Haygarth should be one of the Welsh master Owen Williams. It has become almost traditional that in the last round Williams plays against the eventual champion. This laudable self-denying ordinance would have meant that, if truly followed, he would never himself become champion. On this occasion, abandoning his role as a sort of living signpost, he bear one of the leaders, Simon Webb, in no uncertain fashion. Does this portend that Webb has taken over from Williams and are we going to have a Welsh champion? Only time can tell and I am not going to be so foolish as to make a second forecast.

It seems a pity, though, that the British Championship should end this way. Are our leading players so equal that they must fall into drawing variations that in turn lead to draws in under 20 moves? The danger is that it makes the event colourless and uninteresting and for this danger our leading players must bear a heavy responsibility.

Why should this be so? Is it because our good young players tend to write too much, as Bent Larsen maintains? Do they in consequence suffer from a sort of writers' palsy? There is such a thing as over-objectivity. You get nowhere if, as White, you feel that Black has an answer to everything you do and to every plan that you form, or if, as Black, you are sure White can always find a way of dealing with a counter-attack. Or best of our players who said to me, immediately after a token draw with the other leading player at Hastings: "Well, it's better than losing."

This process is in danger of becoming an English disease. It is not so apparent abroad. Take, for example, the following fighting game from the Nice Olympiad:

White: Kuzmin Black: Tringov
Q.P. Benoni Defence Deferred

1	P-Q4	Kt-KB3	6	Kt-B3	P-KKt3
2	P-QB4	P-B4	7	B-B4	P-QR3
3	P-Q5	P-K3	8	P-KR4	B-Kt2
4	Kt-QB3	PxP	9	P-K4	O-O
5	PxP	P-Q3	10	Kt-Q2	

An interesting idea that often recurs in openings of this kind (where there is an advanced pawn on QS and a vacant square on QB4). Eventually in fact the Knight will go to QB4. Normal here is 10. B-K2.

10		Kt-R4	12	B-K2	Kt(R4)-B3
11	B-K3	Kt-Q2			

An acknowledgement that the idea of striking in the centre by P-KB4 is impracticable. An interesting alternative is 12 . . . Kt-K4 and if then 13. BxKt, PxB; 14. QxP, B-Kt5! but White would play 13. P-B4, when 13 . . . Q-R5 ch.; 14. P-Kt3, KtxKtP; fails against 15. B-B2.

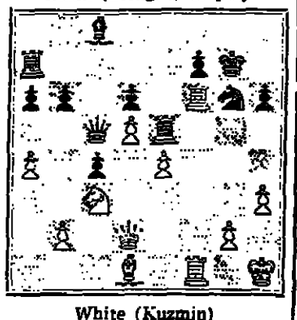
13	B-KKt5	R-K1	17	B-R4	P-KKt4
14	O-O	Q-R4	18	B-Kt3	Kt-K4
15	Q-B3	P-Kt3	19	P-B3	PxP
16	P-R5	P-R3			

White has a strong attack after 19 . . . Kt-Kt3; 20. P-K5.

20	RxP	Kt-Kt5	22	Kt-B4	QKt-K4
21	R(B4)-B1	Kt-Q2	23	KtxKt	BxKt

The exchange of Bishops weakens Black's King-side defences; but after 23 . . . Ktx Kt; 24. B-R5. White has strong A fine idea that is really the decisive manoeuvre; the Knight is to be brought over to the King-side via K2 in order to attack the weakened King's position.

Black (Tringov) to play



White (Kuzmin)

29 . . .		P-Kt4	30	Kt-K2	P-Kt5

30 . . . RxKP would make White's next move even more powerful.

31	Kt-Kt3	P-B6	33	Q-B1	P-QR4
32	PxP	PxP	34	Kt-R5 ch	RxKt

Forced; neither 34 . . . K-Kt1; 35. QxP, nor 34 . . . K-R2; 35. RxP ch, RxR; 36. RxR ch, K-Kt1; 37. R-Kt7 ch, are of any avail to Black.

35	BxR	B-R5	37	BxKt	
	(R(B1)-B2	B-Q6			

The removal of the last King-side defender enables White to finish off the game quickly.

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George Hutchinson

The faint hearts of the Stock Exchange

Mr Wilson and Mr Heath have this in common: each in his day has become disenchanted with the City of London. Both have learnt to mistrust its collective judgment, sometimes for the *same reasons*—though Mr Wilson's reservations are of long standing and in part doctrinaire, Mr Heath's the sour fruit of recent experience.

For rumour, poor political information and poorer political understanding, wrong inferences, weak reasoning and erratic decisions, the City, as exemplified by the Stock Exchange, would be hard to beat at present. Alarmist and panicky at worst, at best prone to *melancholy, there is nothing* to touch it as a source of depression, dismay and disquiet. A *great financial community*, with a matchless history of achievement, is visibly losing its corporate nerve—and could unnerve the country unless it pulls itself together. Of course there are individual exceptions; but they are not making themselves heard.

Despite yesterday's rally, from current share prices, so pessimistically written down, you might suppose that British industry was on its knees. But this is not true. The values placed by a hand-wringing City on some of our finest manufacturing companies are seen to be grotesque, even offensive, when you consider their commercial record, their assets, resources, performance and potential.

Let me say at once that I am not embarking on a dissertation more properly suited to the City pages, but simply putting forward a few observations of a more general political character. So stay with me while I finish.

There are many who think that by its recent behaviour the City—more explicitly the Stock Exchange—is in danger of becoming a *national millstone*. They find the defeatism to which it has lately surrendered not only *disappointing* but pitiful. This is not to suggest that the City has nothing to worry about. Of course it has—shaky fringe banks, property speculators and other lame ducks. More will go under—*the ones* that were unsound in their beginnings. They were formed to make money for their founders, not to make anything else or provide some socially useful service. They belong to Mr Wilson's "casino society".

Our important manufacturing industries are totally distinct from the world of the sharp moneyman, *the juggler interested* in nothing but quick overnight profits. They are not distinct from the good elements in the City, however, but are on the contrary closely linked to them. Except in phases of abnormality (like the present), the City as an institution is industry's natural collaborator, both as patron and partner, supporting what is already established and worthwhile, financing the gifted newcomer or promising innovation.

But much of the City is not trying just now. Nor was it *always responsive to the policies* of the previous Government —hence Mr Heath's strictures *last summer, when more than* once he reproached some of its members for lack of foresight, confidence and adequate investment.

The prevailing malaise cannot be fully ascribed to the Labour Government's nationalization policies, though these can scarcely have helped. The lassitude was there long before Mr Wilson returned to office.

The best in the City are among the best in the country. But for the moment the best are obscured and outvoiced by the weaker spirits whining and *wailing around them. When the* best are again able to assert themselves they will restore the *City's reputation* and encourage national confidence.

Looking on, it seems to me that there are three men who could supply the necessary lead. Each is important in his own right, not just as a representative of this or that City interest —though between them they embrace many. All have the invaluable—the golden—quality of detachment, as well as experience. There is nothing bigoted about them. Politically, they are *knowledgeable, sensitive, reasonable* and realistic. Nor are they out for themselves, having arrived at their various eminences long ago. In the City they are widely respected and, moreover, *liked*. They are Lord Poole, Lord Aldington and Sir Eric Roll. Three wise men.

A speech or two from each of them could work a great change in the negative, dismal mood now bedevilling the City. Between them, three individuals of their calibre could do more than any formal City institution like the Stock Exchange Council. *They are not the only ones*, however; there are others: It is to be hoped that some of them *will speak up*.

* * *

You have probably noticed—it can hardly have escaped you—that Mr Peter Tapsell has recently been receiving what any backbench MP must consider a pleasing amount of public attention. His name has been cropping up in the newspapers for weeks.

A good many of Mr Tapsell's parliamentary colleagues are rather envious, I dare say, and *wonder* how he has done it. What has he been up to? Has he perhaps engaged a public relations expert to promote his interests, or beguiled the press with lovely lunches? Nothing *so elaborate—or expensive*.

Mr Tapsell has simply been following the old-fashioned practice of *making speeches*. He has been addressing his constituents at Horncastle in Lincolnshire—but doing so with a degree of distinction that has set him apart from the general run.

When politicians have something to say, and can say it well, they are usually reported. More than that, their speeches are *likely to give rise to published* comment and discussion, sometimes prolonged, which outlives the original occasion, as we have seen with Mr Tapsell's repertoire this summer.

All this may be self-evident —yet surprisingly few MPs can carry it off so effectively. All too many are inclined to the glib "modern" gimmick instead of applying themselves to the careful (if arduous) composition of good speeches.

In politics, as in other fields, there is a lot to be said for old-fashioned methods that actually work.

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The battle to go under or over the Marden Valley

Looking across the broad *green* fields of the Marden Valley you would not think that they might soon become *battlefields on which* a struggle for British democracy is to be fought out.

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Amazingly, it is only 19 miles from Piccadilly Circus. More amazing, it is being threatened with destruction by, of all people, the Department of the Environment.

For the Marden Valley, along with a number of Kent *and Surrey villages, some fine* old farmhouses and scores of people's homes, are all in the *path of the Juggernaut. This* is where British Rail are planning to run their high-speed *trains, roaring at over 100 mph,* every five minutes, day and night, from London to the *Channel tunnel rail terminus* at Folkestone.

A little farther north the *Whyteleafe valley already acts* as a main artery into London. Although only 400 metres *wide, it carries two of the* busiest commuter lines from the south, plus the A22 which has *been designated as one of the* principal heavy lorry routes. If a surface route for the high-speed Channel trains is added, as British Rail propose, the continuous noise echoing in the "sound box" created by the valley's natural contours will make life literally unbearable for the local population.

In the past six months, since the facts have filtered through to the inhabitants of the area, a mounting feeling of fury and frustration has been building up. Fury at the combination of arrogance and ignorance shown by officialdom in dealing with the situation, and frustration at the lack of information and lack of a proper means of expressing their opposition.

There is to be no public inquiry.

There has been no environmental study, as is usual with a scheme of this magnitude.

Everybody has been behaving with indecent haste, apparently because British Rail has a parliamentary timetable to keep to in order that the *rail link would be ready when* the Channel tunnel opens. (If it ever does. The Government *has still not finally agreed to* proceed with the whole project.) If the rail link was not *ready, people were told,* British Rail would have to pay "severe financial penalties" to *the Channel Tunnel Company.*

Nobody has revealed just what these penalties are, or who agreed to them in the first place. They are not published in any of the official documents.

The three county councils through whose territory the rail link is planned, Kent, Surrey and the GLC, have all protested vigorously *at the* lack of time to consider alternatives.

*The Council for the Preser*vation of Rural England and the Royal Institute of British *Architects* have added their influential voices.

In an effort to quell the rising tide of protest British Rail organized a series of "consultation meetings" for communities along the proposed route. As a public relations exercise these meetings were a fiasco. The top brass from British Rail, backed up by somewhat lesser lights from the Department of the Environment, went through their paces, showing slides, playing train noises, cracking jokes. But the locals were not amused.

They were annoyed when British Rail technicians were unable to inform them of the noise level the high-speed *trains would make.* They were shocked when they were told that the research on noise would not even be available until *after* British Rail had recommended its chosen route to the Government.

How could Parliament discuss a Bill when essential data on the effect of the Bill on the local population by noise pollution was not available? No answer.

*Nor was information avail*able on relative costings. How could Parliament judge the merits of surface or ground routes if no co tive costings had been No answer.

The Surrey County C responsive to the feeli its electorate, and sceptical British Rail's efforts to find alternatives, commi its own environmental Surrey's engineering an ning consultants have c with a fully costed a searched alternative pl *the rail link to be taken* ground through the cou would appear that, if costs are taken into ration, then it will actua less to put the rail lin tunnel all the way t Surrey, according to consultant's report pr locally. The savings achieved have been cur ignored in British Rail mates, which have tri the past six months fr original £120m to £40m currently, withou including the costs of c sation, land acquisition cost of prolonged disru commuter services, ne ing extensive "busing other alternatives.

In addition to the fi *savings of Surrey's* scheme the social savi tremendous, with no *tion of homes and farms* Areas of Outstanding Beauty which, as environ *ists correctly point ou* destroyed could nev re-created.

In welcoming Surre tiative local residents drawn the conclusion t *powers that be* do not alternative and are pr to bulldoze their Bill *Parliament against all* cratically expressed opi

If this happens frus will boil over. Already have seen "trespassers British Rail surveying in en Valley and politely them off. But the polite wearing thin.

Protest committees action groups are spring all along the line and th named association of groups, SKAR (which for Surrey and Kent the Rail-link) asked that tation be received by th ster of Transport, Mr Mi

If democracy means thing at all, they say, th tish Rail and the Gove must take note of the whelming views against plans for a *surface* which have been expres every single meeting *must also take note o* Surrey County Council's posals, which accurately *lects the opinions o* people of Surrey, and are based on the only *mental study of the are* has been made.

Mr Anthony Crosla *Secretary of State f* Environment, is the the hot seat. He has reacted to the local auth demands for more discuss the alternativ throwing British Rail's table out of the windo sending the Transport M to meet the county and look at their proposa

This has resulted in S plan being included in still under consideratio British Rail and has welcomed by people in and Kent as evidence the Government has note of public concern if it is only because tion is in the offing).

Mr Mulley's first acti a blunder. He refused to *the deputation from SKA* thus destroyed the g that Mr Crosland had *by his statement in Par* that he wanted to allow time for consultations wit *opinion. This rebuff* widespread consternatio the SKAR council reac *asking for a meeting* Crosland himself. At time they announced mation of a Kent Br their organization, whi includes the Defenders o and action groups throu the county.

Mr Crosland has now reversed the Transport ster's decision and has to receive the SKAR depu *which now represents* co ties numbering over million people all along *proposed route. He now* possibly the last chance pel the cynicism that has growing in the area, people are referring to Department for the Destr of the Environment" expressing open disillusion with politicians, Member Parliament and the effic the Parliamentary system.

Baron M

True EEC issue that should worry the British

The gist of Mr Ronald Grierson's interesting article last week is that it is more *important* to make the existing European Community work than to get out blue prints for a federation. Let us agree. If it does not work, so much the worse for everybody: if it does work, even quite imperfectly and we (in Mr Grierson's telling phrase) are somehow "manoeuvred out of it", so much the worse for us.

The "Fathers of Europe" held, of course, that the *Commission should* eventually become the government of the Community, representative of *and subordinate to* a directly elected Parliament, the Council of Ministers being transformed into a second *chamber repre*senting the national governments or—as some would have it—the various regions. This is still the basic thinking of those who advocate full political "union" by 1980. Mr Grierson clearly does not share it. He prefers the "Europe des Nations", favoured by General de Gaulle. I suggest that since the one may be unattainable and the other is certainly unworkable, we should, for the foreseeable future, aim at something in between.

Mr Grierson, not unnaturally, *concentrates almost entire*ly on the Commission. He is right in saying that it has rel*atively little power or in*fluence, and that it sometimes tries to promote policies that can only come into force when governments are ready to pool much of their sovereignty. But the Commission can claim at least some responsibility for the agreement reached at Kingston on aid to developing countries; in the progress towards tariff negotiations with the United States; on social matters; and, to some extent, on the European Security Conference as well.

Nor should all its long term *projects "frighten"* anybody very much. Mr George Thomson's Regional Fund might well have gone through if *considered* solely on its merits, and the latest proposals regarding energy, *though very modest*, would have been accepted had they not been temporarily vetoed, on ideological grounds, by Mr Peter Shore. Or consider its admirable Statute for European Companies (with full worker participation) as amended in a recent most fruitful debate in the Parliament with the brilliant Danish Commissioner, Grundelach, taking the lead.

No: the weakness of the Community does not lie so much with the Commission as with the Council of Ministers, a cumbersome mixture of an executive and a legislature, resembling in many ways the old Polish Diet, in which, as Mr Grierson rightly points out, decisions can only be reached, if at all, as a result of long and intensive bargaining behind the scenes in a welter of specialized committees. How can this body be made to function better without becoming the equivalent of a federal government? That is surely something worth considering dispassionately.

There are various methods whereby the paralyzing effects of the unanimity rule could be mitigated. When, for instance, agreement on some outstanding point is momentarily impossible, there could be an open discussion in the Council followed, if necessary, by an open debate in a more influential and representative Parliament. This would bring it out of the sphere of old-fashioned *diplomacy and into the wider* forum of increasing European unity.

Then there might well—as Lord Greenhill suggests—be regular summit meetings to resolve any differences which had defeated the Ministers. *Summits* should not formulate great objectives, but rather be confined to important practical *measures, such as the next* step to be taken in the direction of a common monetary policy. Besides, at a summit it might be possible to discuss such issues in the light of major questions of foreign policy and defence. Preferably the heads of states and governments should confer with a strict minimum of advisers and with a carefully prepared agenda. Nor should a lack of complete unanimity invariably prevent a large majority from acting *as it desires*. There could be abstentions, and "non-participations in the vote".

A fair measure of parliamentary control over a section of the large Community budget has already been approved and will probably come into operation on January 1, 1976. When it does, and perhaps even before that, the ministers will agree to grant some further powers to the Parliament—of a rather negative character, it is true—as recommended in the Vedel *report of 1972, eg, approval* of treaties concluded by the Community, or of major legis*lation, or of the nomination of* Commissioners, to name only a few. When all this happens—*and I believe it will happen* reasonably soon—then the Parliament will have to be directly elected—though no doubt nationally for a considerable time so as to preserve the *existing "organic link"* with national parliaments.

The resulting system would not be theoretically perfect and could be regarded as provisional. It would certainly not be a federation of the conventional type, which the logical *Mr Neil Marten always insists* it must be if it is to function at all. But it would manifestly *have certain supranational fea*tures.

You may say, even this is moonshine: the governments, to say nothing of "the British people", will never agree. I would dispute that. Of course major steps in the direction indicated would have to be agreed by the British Parliament—but they would be. As *soon, that is, as the Labour* Government, if it continues in office, recommends that *Britain should stay on in the* Community—as we can bet it will. Indeed, once it does so nobody is likely to be more in favour of transforming the Community into a genuinely democratic entity than the bulk of the Labour Party!

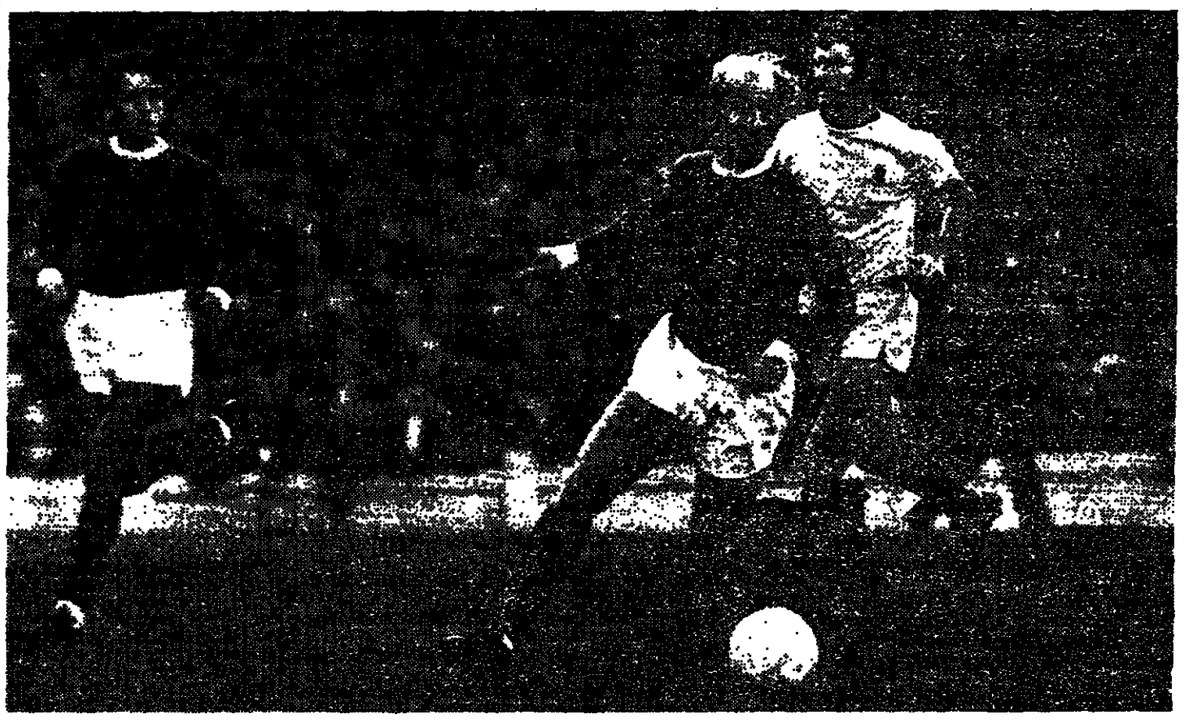
There is a final, and, I believe, conclusive reason for thinking that things will go this way. *France is on the move. From* having for so long been at the head of the non-institutional and *nationalistic school of* thought, she seems now to be heading in the opposite direc*tion of supranationality. All* who doubt this would do well to read the recent manifesto of *the European Democrats for* Progress group in the European Parliament, for the most *part Gaullist deputies*, which comes out in favour of, for example, direct elections to a *more powerful* parliament and a reform of the decision-making processes of the Council of *Ministers, to say nothing* of the latest pronouncements of the French Foreign Minister. *On the defence side*, too, the French attitude is changing. A Political Secretariat, an Arms *Procurement Agency*, a harmonization of European conventional weapons, all these *now appear to be advocated.* Even the sacred "Luxembourg Compromise", dear to the *hearts of the late President* Pompidou and Mr Edward Heath, is being called in question. If President Giscard d'Estaing and Chancellor Schmidt move in this direction—which is not yet certain—the United Kingdom will be in some danger of being left out in the cold.

Admittedly, it may still be that *unmanageable deficits*, uncontrollable inflation, social troubles and unemployment will result in the disruption of the Community and a reversion to economic nationalism with "directed" economies. But it is equally possible that they might constitute that "great internal shock" which, according to Mr Grierson, could (in default of an external one) conceivably cause "Europe to coalesce rapidly". *Let us hope so. Even if this* does not happen, there is no reason why "the British people" *should be frightened* by the sort of reforms which I have been describing. It is the *likely political consequences of* a disruption of the Community which should frighten the British people out of their wits.

Lord Gladwyn

Sportsview

Manchester Utd: A tarnished symbol of British football



With the departure of such players as Bobby Charlton, Manchester United have become a ruthless, hard side.

To some people the sad decline of Manchester United over *recent seasons, climaxed by* their fall into the Second Division of the Football League this year, would seem a disaster second only to the Munich air *crash which crippled the club* in 1958.

Some indeed may take a sterner view, considering recent events in their long-term effects to be worse even than Munich. Certainly 16 years ago United were uplifted by a universal sympathy which knew no bounds. The game as a whole was stunned by the tragic loss of eight young players, offers of support in a crisis poured in from every side, and United survived on a flood of emotion.

Now it has been just the reverse. As United slowly went *down the hill amidst a welter of* bad publicity and a series of internal crises the general feeling was that they deserve their fate. Worse still, they lost much of the good name they *once en*joyed and there was little sympathy for them in any quarter. Indeed, in some places there could be detected a positive gloating as the dark clouds gathered over Old Trafford.

While Munich itself was delivered by the fates at a sudden blinding stroke, United's present decline has come about slowly and relentlessly. Once they stood on Everest; now the *shadows of the valley surround* them and the climb back to the top could be steeper and longer than before.

Having won the European Cup only six years ago, the tide of success began to ebb in 1969 when *Sir Matt Busby, after 24 glitter*ing years at the helm, announced his retirement as team manager and took over the less arduous task of general *manager. From that moment* the clouds began to gather unseen on the far horizon.

Although Busby himself has frequently said that he *never interfered in the day-to-day* working of his successors his mere presence down the corridor threw a shadow which hovered over everybody and *everything at Old Trafford. He was* Manchester United and nobody could either live up to the fact or forget it. As dissensions began to grow backstage, man*agers came and went, unable to* hold back the remorseless tide of events.

First there was Wilf McGuinness, young and inex*perienced, himself a former* United player, who failed to assert his authority over certain of his former colleagues. Next came Frank O'Farrell, a *soft-spoken southern Irishman* who had won a good reputation at *Leicester*. He, too, failed to apply the brakes, though he was given scant time to do so. Then came the turn of Tommy Docherty, who went down with *the ship* last season and is now *attempting to refloat her.*

Some of those who gave their whole careers to United now say that the underlying fault for the present may lie with *Busby himself, asserting that* he should have started rebuilding the side immediately they *conquered Europe in 1968—or* even before. That and the fact that Sir Matt was always too *lenient with the wayward genius* George Best.

Whether valid criticism or not of a man who has given his all for the club and made its fame resound across the world, there can be little question that the irresponsible actions of Best and his life-style as football's first pop star, a modern folk hero who went sadly off the rails, did irreparable harm to the cause and the name of United when they needed him most.

As United struggled wildly like a fish on a hook to escape what clearly lay ahead, an unpleasant ruthless element also entered their game. Where *once they had won fame with* their classic pure football, based on attack, with great players like Bobby Charlton, the late Duncan Edwards and *Tommy Taylor, Law, Crerand* and—yes—Best in the vanguard, on the departure of that exciting brood they took on wolf's clothing as a ruthless, hard side *intent only on survival at the* cost even of the club's past fine reputation.

It must have scarred the very soul of Busby, who only some four years ago said this in an interview with *The Observer*: "The way things are going *alarms me deeply. What is new* and frightening about the present is that you have entire sides—not just one or two men —that have physical hardness *for their main asset. It's true* there are still a few teams who believe the game is about talent and technique and imagination, but for everyone of these you'll find ten who rely on runners and hard men."

Also to add fuel to the fire of recent seasons Manchester *United's army of so-called sup*porters have gained for themselves the ugly reputation of being one of the most vicious mobs who terrorize the countryside wherever they go. The *club disowns them fiercely* but there seems to be no solution to this ritual violence.

Manchester United are now passing through the fires and in the process of rehabilitation would do well to ponder the words of the Bishop of Chester in his address at the memorial service to their colleagues stricken at Munich: "When we remember how many millions of people in this country watch professional football every season, we can appreciate the responsibility which is laid upon these young players. They are admired, idolized, glamourized, imitated. They set a standard which, unseen perhaps, certainly leaves its mark upon the moral standards of our society. They have a responsibility not only to play efficiently, but to play well, and it is because Manchester United have acquitted themselves so splendidly in the wider as well as the ultimate discharge of their duty that the *team* has become a by-word for those who play a good game wherever football is played."

As for the supporters of Old Trafford they should read what Dr Percy Young wrote in his history of the club they purport to follow: "In one sense Manchester United grows from the centre of the parish. The parishioners look over the wall, see the wider vision, and learn. They benefit from two worlds." It is something worth living up to.

Geoffrey Green

Newcomers have taken over the Otter's Way

The oaks at the edge of the forest were lightened by fresh Lammas shoots at the tips of the twigs. Each was pale against *the full green of the old leaves.* They made no difference to the shade of the trees cast on the *path below, as I started to walk* the length of the old "Otter Way". Heavy rain had made the bordering herbage grow and bend over low, so that the normal clear width was halved.

Tall deadly nightshade plants grew in front of a dense bank of brambles, the fruit sorting among a bevy of late flowers, still attracting bees and hoverflies. The wild raspberries were over, the leaves drying out, and the honeysuckle and travellers-joy hung from the forest trees beside the path.

This long wood stretches from a wide ox-bow in the river over chalk hills to a couple of villages, separated by the fish lake. *The path runs* east-west, all the way through, and is always called the "Otter Way". There is no water between the river at the foot of the wood, and the lake, where the trees end on the other side, at least four miles off. But otters, the old countrymen say, are great travellers and would move through the long forest in a matter of an hour or two, usually at night.

I was interested to hear how they knew, or whether when the otters were seen frequently 20 years ago in or on the banks of the waters at both ends of the wood, their watchers had made up a story about the journeys between.

They assured me that the path had certainly earned its name and that keepers had seen otters on the move at dawn and dusk and had accidentally trapped others, especially "young 'uns" at several places along the ride.

There was no hope now of seeing an otter in the woods, nor by the water. It is 16 years since I watched a family of them playing beside the river, climbing a steep bank at low-tide and sliding down its muddied steepness on their bellies straight into the water. All the more recent reports of otter-sightings that I had investigated since the river had been dredged *and its banks tidied* and uniformly raised, had proved to be naturalized mink.

The minks' wet brown pelts and long, low-slung bodies are excusably reminiscent of otters, but anyone catching a glimpse of their masks, or the tails which are short and carried high in comparison with otters' strong, tapered rudders ought to have recognized the *invaders* at once. Easy recognition of the mink which are still increasing, came slowly as their habits became only too well known and chicken stealing became common. They also *stalked* waterhens and wild duck, plundering their nests and leaving their remains on the decks of moored boats among piles of stinking droppings.

It was quiet at first as I walked along the "Otter Way" on a humid August day. As I got farther into the forest, wood pigeons and turtle-doves and then late chiff-chaffs called and a blackcap's summer subsong sounded loud. There were rustlings along the margins and once a weasel skated out ahead, then back under cover and out again. There was often a smell of fox and once a stoat crossed over the path.

I was *still in the middle of* the wood when I found the undamaged body of a freshly dead *watershrew. It was long*-snouted, long tailed and mole-dark above the white underpart. It was surprising to see it so far from water but it must have been using the "Otter Way" as I knew there were plenty in the dykes by the river and had found their prints on the edge of the lake, where there were also like mink tracks.

I had begun to think that old path through the w was used by more animals I had realised. Then on way back, I branched off t keeper's cottage. Witho word he pointed to a coupl mink pelts, tacked up stretched out on the walls of the porch. "They in the squirrel traps along *big ride one morning* week." He said. "I'm goi make the missus a pair gloves. I reckon they're the old 'Otter Way': th not the first I've had. they're *the best* so far others were in a poor almost mangy but it's a time this, for them, plenty food about."

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COLONEL STIRLING'S RECRUITS

The operations being conducted by Colonel Stirling and General Walker call to mind—for any who, like them, were in the Army once upon a time—that dummy device of military training, the tactical exercise without troops or EWT. Objectives were daringly defined, plans for their achievement elaborated, phantom movements were postulated, paper and time were consumed, and nothing actually happened.

That may be wrong, of course. It is very hard to be sure of these things in the unsettled state of the kingdom. Either Unison (General Walker's) or GB75 (Colonel Stirling's) or both might suddenly emerge as more than a tactical exercise and in full possession of manpower, and something very noticeable might happen for good or ill.

But whether these nascent organizations are to be seen as fantasy, a folly, or a force, they call for serious political evaluation. That is why Mr Roy Mason's colleague—he is Secretary of State for Defence—is just another sad example of senior politicians' perverty of mind. If he distrusts and dislikes these organizations he is in good company; but he has a duty in his position to try to understand them. Instead he throws epithets at them from the students' vocabulary of political abuse.

Their significance is that they articulate deepening anxieties of many of those who have a stake in the present order of society and want to be sure that changes, which are inevitable, are not of a kind to render it unrecognizable. Their adherence to the present order may be explained by their positions, or their possessions, or their habits of mind, or their vulnerability to impoverishment by inflation, to economic disruption, and to civil disorder. They are a part of the nation that is not to be disregarded.

Their anxiety is whetted by the spectacle of authority, including the constitutionally-based civil administration, frequently and easily defeated by strikes at sensitive points in the economic and social arrangements of the nation. They fear either the cumulative effects of government retreat before multiple sectional aggression, or the widespread disorders ensuing upon a determined effort to oppose it. They have seen a Conservative government fail to meet the challenge either by the successful exercise of its authority or by a successful appeal to the electorate; and they are seeing a minority Labour government which declines even to acknowledge the existence of dangers which seem to them so obvious.

To respond to these apprehensions by attempting to put together semi-clandestine organizations capable of working essential services in case of widespread strikes is misguided. The urge is founded in an incomplete appreciation of the dynamics of an open industrialized society in 1975, to adopt Colonel Stirling's date. That way of manning the defences would, in the event, chiefly be provocative of the disruption and disorders it is intended to overcome.

The organizations are not, from what is so far known about them, outside the law or repugnant to the constitution. They could however, if they took a turning not now contemplated by their organizers, fall foul of the Public Order Act of 1936. That would happen if either body were to affect a uniform, or point itself towards the usurpation of the powers of the police or armed forces, or organize itself for the use or display of physical force in the promotion of a political object. Whatever their position on the legal map, their fault is to purport to offer civil precautions of a kind which it is for the government and it alone to provide.

It will be replied that there is precious little sign of governments actually taking these precautions and less still of their possessing the will to make use of them should the occasion arise. It is this feeling, not confined to those whom Colonel Stirling and General Walker have enrolled, that politicians of all parties ought to take note of. The protest is against weak government or failing institutions. And although the form the protest takes leaves out of account more than half of the relevant considerations to which those who govern a free nation must pay attention, the essence of the protest is something the present trustees of the nation's political institutions will disregard at their peril.

HINESE MINORITIES TO THE SOUTH

e late Henry Ford is alleged to ve told customers for his first ss-produced car that they could ve it in any colour they liked long as they chose black. The dition of several of Asia's mocratically elected governnts is also one where this edom is enjoyed and a similar essity is imposed. The ngress Party in India has long sessed a national status from ich no opposition party could e to displace it; in Burma l Indonesia military governnts have acquired stability and manence by creating their n parties as an instrument of ernment. In Singapore Mr Kuan Yew gives an absolute edom to voters who find it dent to return his People's ion Party. Somewhat the same ditions may be said to apply Malaysia which will be voting y in its first general election e 1969.

he campaign has not excited ch enthusiasm. The National nt coalition embraces several lay parties and the old stand bearers of the Chinese and ian communities. Already y-seven of its candidates have n returned unopposed and no doubts that Tun Abdul Razak receive a handsome iority. From this one may infer t the boundaries of Malaysian itical activity are now clearly narcarked, with their due place ted to the Chinese and ian communities. The premise be reaffirmed is that Malay itical supremacy can best be ranteed and made acceptable the Malays rule with subrient Chinese and Indian ners in a national coalition. uch a partnership ran oothly enough in the period ning up to independence and some years thereafter under amiable direction of Tunku dul Rahman. Quarrelling over formation of Malaysia excited itical tempers and the incoration and subsequent expul of Singapore bared live itical currents. The root of the uble was, of course, that the per cent Chinese population ld hardly be treated as a iority, yet with its unequalled nomic ability and a discipline l energy to match, the risk of political concessions was ious. To many Malay leaders could only mean that their itical domination would soon usurped.

After the 1969 elections demonstrations were held by an opposition party that had gained ground, and since they were largely Chinese supported it was easy to turn Malay resentment against them. In the rioting that ensued a large number of Chinese were indiscriminately killed. The country has been digesting the effects of this explosion for five years. What signposts are now visible? Is the "Razak clique planning to dress its fascist regime in the cloak of democracy through an election farce", as the insurgent radio "Voice of the Malayan Revolution" puts it, or will the electorate return the National Front, however resentfully or reluctantly, because any other political model for Malaysia would spell trouble?

The overseas Chinese are a bigger problem in Malaysia because they are too numerous to digest politically without such secondary political status as the Malays enjoin on them. But the problem is shared by all other countries in South-East Asia. The election in Malaysia is of particular interest to them because it follows closely on the exchange of diplomatic relations at the end of May between China and Malaysia. On that occasion a joint communiqué signed between Tun Abdul Razak and Mr Chou En-lai reaffirmed a Chinese policy towards the overseas Chinese that Mr Chou had first tried to put into practice in an abortive agreement with Indonesia twenty years ago. China would no longer regard as Chinese citizens those overseas Chinese who acquired Malaysian citizenship and would encourage all overseas Chinese both to abide by the laws of their country of residence and to seek to become integrated in it.

If all countries in south-east Asia were generous in their treatment of the overseas Chinese applications for citizenship, and if the Chinese themselves were accommodating in the manner of their integration, these principles might be workable. But discrimination is still common in various forms, Malaysia not excepted, and the attitudes of the Chinese themselves will be slow to change in a country like Malaysia where large urban groupings make the retention of their own separate identity much easier than if they were few and scattered.

Moreover if a policy such as China has enunciated in good faith is to be matched by cooperation from the countries in south-east Asia, it has to be consistent over a good period of time. This has not been the case. In particular, during the cultural revolution a belligerent Chinese nationalism spilled over among overseas Chinese communities to the irritation and alarm of several host governments. On top of this there is the persisting anxiety over Chinese support for south-east Asian insurgents, some of them with a strong Chinese element.

In the past two years when delegations from south-east Asian countries have been visiting Peking to discuss trade and possible diplomatic relations they have been given assurances that China regarded the insurgents as an internal problem of their own countries and that Chinese "support" for these movements was only nominal. In this respect the China of 1972 was obviously moving away from the belligerence of the cultural revolution period. But does the current conflict among the Chinese leadership risk blurring once again the reasonable policy China has been moving towards? Last week the anniversary of the Burmese Communist Party earned an effusive message from China. The Burmese insurgents had "persevered in most arduous revolutionary armed struggle" and the Chinese "felt elated and inspired by this". The Thai and Malaysian insurgent radios (both assumed to be situated in Chinese territory) promptly echoed the same sentiments.

Is this to serve as a guide to Chinese policy? Or is it—at a time of renewed sharp struggle within the Chinese leadership—a move on the part of radicals to smear the moderates? China's policy towards the overseas Chinese cannot be divorced from the support given to the insurgents in the eyes of all south-east Asian states. Hence the interest they have taken in Malaysia's diplomatic relations with Peking. When a diplomatic mission from Peking arrives in Kuala Lumpur within the next two months its deeds may show where Chinese intent lies at a time when the voices from Peking are still conflicting.

yal Agricultural Hall

m Mr John Griffin

Following the rather histrionic er from Sir John Betjeman and ers (August 15) concerning the eat to the "Aggie", I would like strike a more down to earth ical note.

s Professor Anthony Goss nted out (August 21) the various posed redevelopment schemes the Agricultural Hall all envisthe retention of the Main Hall, preserving what small part of dismal array of buildings may attractive or of practical use to population of Islington today.

nyone who is familiar with ington must be aware of the dy decline and deterioration of centre of this once thriving comnity which is badly in need of rejuvenating effect of new shops, office jobs, housing and general ployment which the redevelopnt of this site will provide. The cline and destruction of the racter of the area no doubt being tened by the "gentrification" of rty of the surrounding streets of area by the likes of Sir John al.

Nor is time on the side of the ricultural Hall since the effects vandalism and age have left their rk on the Hall, its decay being there will be little left to preserve and little economic incentive to effect any renewal of the area.

Perhaps rather than riding on the fashionable band wagon of preservation of the old and defunct regardless of the needs of the underprivileged those who decry this attempt to rejuvenate the centre of Islington should perhaps come back down to earth and make some rather more constructive suggestions other than writing to the Department of the Environment with their negative criticism. A useless enterprise itself it seems since the Department have demonstrated their unwillingness to preserve the structure, with any of the greatest restorative of all—hard cash.

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Listed church buildings

From Mr D. C. Mandeville

Sir, Mrs Miranda Wilson (August 14) describes the ecclesiastical exemption as enabling church authorities to permit the demolition of any listed church, including (since 1969) churches of the Church of England planning authorities to permit the demolition of any listed building, except churches in use and (since 1969) disused churches so far as they are subject to a scheme under the Pastoral Measure.

Either way, there are of course substantial safeguards. The crucial question is, how effective are these? In 1972, we are told, 223 *secular listed buildings* were lost. In the same year permission was given under the Pastoral Measure to demolish just three *listed churches*. These figures represented 0.13 per cent and 0.03 per cent respectively of the appropriate totals of listed buildings standing. The Church of England in 1972 was thus fully four times as strict over demolitions as the lay authority!

There were, we are told, overwhelming arguments for inflicting decimalization—and now metrication—upon us all. The arguments for extending the existing planning laws to English parish churches do not yet fall into that class. Secular listed building control in England is an admirable system; but it has perhaps still some way to go before it could with any advantage replace the Church's own procedure for safeguarding its historic buildings and their contents.

Yours faithfully,
D. C. MANDEVILLE.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Arithmetic of the Stock markets

From Mr Brian H. MacDermot

Sir, No authoritative voice is heard from the City to contradict the inaccurate and misleading views expressed on the level of Stock Exchange equity prices by a variety of individuals, including Messrs. Len Murray, Clive Jenkins, and Wedgwood Benn. Mr Benn at least admits that he does not understand the Stock Exchange, but blames the City for the collapse in share prices, rather than examine the reasons behind it.

The simple arithmetic of the present situation is that inflation is running at a rate in excess of 17 per cent per annum, while the return on investments is considerably lower. Long dated Government Stocks return 16 per cent gross to redemption; the average dividend yield on industrial shares in the Actuaries index is 9 per cent and the hope for capital appreciation problematical. The investor is faced with restrictions on dividends, proposed taxes on wealth and capital transfers, while industry in which he is investing his savings suffers from official investigations on prices and profit margins and even outright nationalization.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr H. L. Benjamin

Sir, Hurrah! At last there is something to celebrate. The TUC has noticed the fall in Stock Market prices. Even though it has taken over two years and a fall from 540 to under 200 in the *FT* Industrial Ordinary Share Index; and even though, rather like King Canute, their General Secretary feels it necessary to chide prices for going down just as his predecessors tried to make political capital when the main trend was upwards all those years ago. But don't let's be grudging; the behaviour of Stock Market prices cannot be such an irrelevance after all.

But one wonders whether it is the City of London which is out of touch, as Mr Murray contends. The market for stocks and shares is much wider than for tripe and onions. Prices of stocks and shares are brought about not only by members of the Stock Exchange, nor even by those others who carry on business in the City of London, but, as with the rate of sterling, by observers of a wider scene. If those in New York or Tokyo or Bonn or the Middle East shared Mr Murray's views about prices, they might not have reached such distressing levels.

Few will claim that Stock Market prices are necessarily an accurate forecaster of events. They sometimes greatly exaggerate things and there are probably few except those on the extreme left-wing who do not hope sincerely that on this occasion they are very wide of the mark. There are a whole host of factors which combine to influence prices, but of these factors none has exerted a greater influence this time round than the attitude of the British trade union movement in a full-employment economy and at a time of great national economic stress. This is a factor which dwarfs Britain's present industrial prosperity. And it is an attitude which all the world can see and from which it draws its own conclusions.

Yours faithfully,
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Overbooked airlines

From Mr Alan Maynard

Sir, Professor Root's condolences to British Airways (August 17) after they had been fined for overbooking are somewhat misplaced. The practice of overbooking is widespread amongst scheduled airlines and it enables them to raise load factors, reduce unit costs and curtail the losses of their operations. It seems to me that a more efficient way of operating would be to reduce excess scheduled airline capacity, induced by nationalistic selfishness on a world-wide scale, by liberalising the myopic system of international regulation which exists at present. Those passengers wishing to purchase the privilege of late cancellation or immediate booking under any system of regulation, present or liberalised, should be charged the full cost of these services.

At present Professor Root and any other traveller who cancels at short notice can cause lower load factors and greater losses for British Airways. These losses are funded by the taxpayers or by travellers in the future who pay increased prices. I am sure Professor Root would loathe to be subsidised by the taxpayer. Equally, I am sure that I do not wish to pay yet higher prices to maintain the Alice in Wonderland world of international scheduled airline operations from which he benefits.

Your faithfully,
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Sport as a charity

From Mr H. Geoffrey Woolfe

Sir, A glaring omission from charitable objects that cries out for reform concerns sport. The Recreational Charities Act 1958 did provide a remedy as far as some forms of recreation are concerned, but to try to decide what is a charitable object one is still driven back to the Charitable Uses Act 1601. And, by and large, sport is not such an object. But education is. In other words, a healthy mind is encouraged, but not a healthy body.

An alteration of the law to put this right is long overdue.

Yours truly,
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(Hon County Legal Consultant,

Effect on inflation of Channel tunnel

From Sir David Barran

Sir, The decision by the Government not to proceed with Maplin and finally to scrap the hovertrain are greatly to be commended. The underlying causes of inflation are many and various but it is impossible to deny that high Government expenditure is one of them and this has been recognized by both the present and the previous administrations in curtailing expenditure.

As an early and consistent critic of Concorde I would have dearly loved to hear that that expensive and useless will-o'-the-wisp had also been scrapped, but reluctantly I accept the theory of seeking to recover something—prestige rather than cash—from the mess.

However one more white elephant remains in the wings and I crave the courtesy of your columns to express the hope that the Channel tunnel too may be removed from the programme before it is too late and we are told that we are so far committed that there can be no going back. So far, I believe, relatively small sums (as such projects go) have been committed on engineering research and design, preliminary boring and route determination. The economics have never been satisfactorily exposed but of two things we can be certain:

(1) Whatever the present estimates the event would prove them grossly understated.

(2) The removal of this enormous expenditure from the public account would give the Government much greater manoeuvrability in countering inflation.

It will no doubt be argued among other things that it would be diplomatically awkward to drop this project in which the French have such an interest. I would suggest that we must take a leaf out of the French book and on this occasion put our own interests first.

Up to this point I have been looking only at the economic side. There is however an important social side also, and that is the enormous damage which the proposed rail route through Kent would cause to the Kentish countryside. It will not be an alternative to the motorway which must exist in any case and does for the most part already exist, with its various benefits and disadvantages. The rail route would however be a serious and permanent scar across the countryside with all the divisiveness which a railway, as compared to a road, creates.

Finally, Sir, are we to risk putting so many of our export eggs, so vital to this country, into one highly vulnerable basket. How much better to continue to rely on all the existing routes giving a wide choice of means by which imports and exports can flow freely.

I am, Sir, yours truly,
DAVID BARRAN,
Shell Centre, SE1.
August 22.

The press and Mr Nixon

From Mr John Kissin

Sir, The Warden of All Souls can no doubt look after himself, but the issues raised by Louis Heren's article in today's *Times* (August 22) transcend the dispute between him and Mr Sparrow. Mr Heren, while purporting to be concerned about "how the people . . . can get at the entire truth", misrepresents both Mr Sparrow's position, which he attacks, and the actions of the *Washington Post* staff, whom he tries to defend.

Mr Heren implies that Mr Sparrow's argument depends on the allegation that Messrs Bernstein and Woodward were "fighting a personal vendetta" against the President, when in fact Mr Sparrow said explicitly that "personal, professional, and political vendettas . . . (are) a negligible part of the story" and that what was remarkable was the behaviour of "a mass of responsible and high-minded people". What is important is not the fact, if it is a fact, that the two reporters could not bring themselves to believe in the President's involvement; but what happened when they did believe in it. And here it is Mr Heren who gives entirely the wrong impression.

It is not simply a case of "two young reporters" who "(did) wrong in one instance, largely because of inexperience". Before setting out to question members of the grand jury, they had doubts about the legality of such an action. They asked Benjamin C. Bradlee, the *Post*'s executive editor, who checked with the lawyers. These agreed that the jurors had taken an oath to keep the proceedings secret, and the burden of secrecy was on them. Messrs Bernstein and Woodward first tried to obtain a list of jurors from the prosecutor's office; when this request was rejected, they obtained the list by subterfuge. They then tried to pick out those jurors who, by reason of their professions, seemed most likely to be "used to bending rules". Both they and other staff members of the *Washington Post* were uneasy about the ethics of this, but Mr Bradlee, who was "desperate for a story", decided to go ahead, while urging extreme caution.

All this plotting was in vain, for the jurors refused to talk. When Judge Sirica found out what was going on, he was furious, but allowed himself to be persuaded by the prosecutor, and the *Washington Post*'s attorney, to let the reporters off with a lecture, and not to send them to jail. Indeed, the judge did not publicly name the guilty journalists, who were able to pretend to their colleagues that they were innocent. That is the story told in *All the President's Men*, and it is not clear how Mr Sparrow can be accused of having given the wrong impression, except perhaps by understating the facts.

The casual reader of Mr Heren's article could not possibly guess that Messrs Bernstein and Woodward realized all along that their actions might be illegal as well as unethical, that several staff of the *Washington Post*, including the executive editor, gave their approval, or that the *Post*'s lawyers were consulted in advance. Mr Heren is trying to hide Mr Bradlee's involvement, just as the White House tried to hide that of Messrs Haldemann and Ehrlichmann in the Watergate conspiracy.

Messrs. Bernstein and Woodward may well have felt lousy about what they did. So might the Watergate conspirators. Like them, the two reporters tried to obtain, by illegal means, information to which they knew they were not entitled. When they were caught, attempts were made to pretend that far fewer people were involved in the conspiracy than was actually the case. And finally Judge Sirica, like President Nixon, was prepared to overlook the matter, on the grounds that no information had been divulged.

Of course the action of the two "young reporters" may be excused on account of excessive enthusiasm, Mr Bradlee's on account of his need for a story, and Judge Sirica's on account of a natural reluctance to see people imprisoned for a pointless, and in the event harmless, action. Most of us might, in the circumstances, have done the same, for we are only human. Even Mr Heren's misrepresentations might be attributed to nothing worse than a desire to make the best possible case for the side one supports.

But if this sort of toleration is extended to the *Washington Post* and to Judge Sirica, it must also be extended to the Watergate conspirators and to President Nixon. Only when those who demanded the prosecution of Mr Haldemann demand that of Mr Bradlee, and those who demanded the impeachment of President Nixon demand that of Judge Sirica, will we be able to believe in their sincerity. Until then, there will be many more of us ready to crawl out of the woodwork and allege that the campaign to destroy an elected President of the United States was motivated, not by idealism, but by politics.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN KISSIN,
36 Grosvenor Road, Reading.

From Mr Michael Chance

Sir, John Sparrow is right to condemn the methods adopted by the press in "harassing officials" etc, in pursuit of information about Mr Nixon, but he fails to put the matter in true perspective.

For once democracy has done what, on other ocasions when confronted with the paranoid pursuit of power by unscrupulous rulers, it has failed to do—stop them in their tracks before they ruin society. The press should first be congratulated, for it was two press reporters who succeeded in unearthing the evidence.

The dangerous state of affairs is that modern societies have no constitutional way of unearthing incriminating facts soon enough to prevent dictators seizing power. At present it is only by the participation of public opinion that the rest of the democratic institutions can be made to work.

Constitutional and legal experts should get to work on this problem. They might start by considering making it obligatory for all rulers to have their conversations tape-recorded, with necessary safeguards, since this has proved so revealing.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL CHANCE,
21 Innage Road, Birmingham.

Conflict in Cyprus

From Mr Hugo Ball

Sir, Professor Devletoglou's shrill chauvinistic shrieks (special article, August 21) offer no help to the British public in deciding on a proper policy towards Cyprus. Seen from the chair of a British taxpayer the Cyprus situation parallels exactly the Ulster dilemma: for historical reasons now irrelevant to our national interest we are involved in squalid squabbles between two factions equally devoid of merit.

However superficially friendly the attitudes of Cypriots, whether "Greek" or "Turkish", towards Britain may appear to be in times of relative calm, the underlying hostility is clear and so is the fact that that hostility would make the "sovereign bases" worthless in any crisis in which they might be useful.

Is it not time we abandoned the bases, denounced our treaty relationship with and responsibility for Cyprus, stopped treating Cypriots as "Commonwealth Citizens" and started generally to look forward and not back?

Yours faithfully,
HUGO BALL,
16 Theobald's Road, WC1.

From Mr K. L. Stretch

Sir, In view of the difficulty that genuine residents (as opposed to transient reporters, ignorant of the languages and history of the com- for many years among the ordinary people of Cyprus?

"Use any influence you may have to stop Britain continuing to play a charade of respect for an 'independent' state of Cyprus, for the coup made *enosis* a fait accompli, to the delight of almost all Cypriots not politically committed to a foreign power (and that's the majority), while the consequent intervention has spotlighted the de facto partition of the island, due to the last administration's 11 years of ostracizing the Turks; and every action since July 15 has only made it more and more evidently impossible for the two communities to live together ever again (I don't mean there may not be isolated families on specially close friendly terms with their neighbours; but as *communities*, no). With up to 50,000 people refugees, driven or fled from their homes, there is an ideal opportunity for an exchange of population, a resettlement of uprooted folk in areas where they can hope to spend the rest of their days in peace and security—if the chance is seized, and people are aware that the 'partition' which they have dreaded has come to pass. . . .

". . . It will be most humane to recognize the truth, and enable people to act in their best interests, of which they are the best judges and I believe quite competent. Most doubt surrounds, as usual, the UK authorities and their [illegible]

A clergyman's role in the community

From the Chancellor of the Diocese of Winchester

Sir, In any discussion about deployment of the clergy account must be taken of the related question of the clergyman's role in England today. Traditionally, it was held to be the duty and privilege of the Church of England to supply every local community with a resident parson who would not only minister to people who chose to attend public worship but would also offer pastoral care to all members of the community, whether churchgoers or not.

There are still places, especially country parishes and small towns, where the clergy are able to exercise such a ministry to the community as a whole. Its effectiveness depends mainly on three factors: an incumbent qualified and zealous to fulfil such a ministry; a population of manageable size; and an attitude, on the part of most of the inhabitants, neither hostile nor wholly indifferent to religion.

Where these conditions are not substantially met, the traditional role of the parson must clearly be re-assessed. In some cases the result is that he concentrates on ministering to a "gathered" congregation of regular worshippers (as in certain flourishing churches in cities and large towns). In other cases his task is envisaged rather in terms of "outreach"; and this may take a directly evangelicalistic form or one in which the emphasis is primarily on social welfare and perhaps social justice.

Under a policy of rationing the supply of clergy according to population, the disappearance of the old form of ministry would be greatly accelerated. The question is to what extent this would be justified by the prospect of greater effectiveness in a new form of ministry. And this involves the further question: What are the true functions of the clergy when they find themselves deployed in areas where there is a large population having no regard for the church and the faith which it represents?

Perhaps one of the prerequisites for a solution of the whole problem is acceptance of greater responsibility by the Christian laity.

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR PHILLIPS,
Church Cottage,
Compton,
Nr Winchester.
August 17.

Erosion of patriotism

From Mr John Stokes, Conservative MP for Halesowen and Stourbridge

Sir, In Mr Maudling's interesting and thoughtful letter to his constituents he writes about this country falling behind others and says: "Clearly this arises somehow from a change in the temper and outlook of our people." This indeed is true and I believe the greatest change has been in the erosion of patriotism.

Having returned from a visit to France I am convinced that the principal reason for France's unbounding confidence and prosperity today is the strength of patriotism in that country. This is everywhere apparent from the celebration of national days, the streets and squares named after heroes, the war memorials, the respect for the past shown everywhere and the emphasis of the leading statesmen on the greatness and independence of France.

What has happened to our patriotism in England? Is John Bull dead or only asleep? Is it possible that a great nation can lose faith in itself in less than 30 years?

In spite of all that has happened I believe that patriotism still lies deep in many hearts in this country today and that a leader who based his appeal on patriotism would sweep the country at the next general election. The supreme issue will be confidence in ourselves as a nation—this is even more important than the terrible scourge of inflation.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN STOKES,
House of Commons.
August 20.

Snobbery outside Britain

From Mr P. S. Young

Sir, My experience of snobbery and social discrimination outside Britain is the same as Mr G. J. T. Parr's (his letter published on August 21). I have lived and worked in primitive and educated communities in Africa and in sophisticated communities in North America; and I have travelled extensively in countries in South America and Western Europe.

In all of them social discrimination exists, and in some it is even more unattractive than it is in Britain. Class consciousness and class distinction have declined dramatically since the 1920s and 1930s, when I was growing up. In the last year or two, however, "class" has been revived as a burning social issue and evil in Britain, but only, I suspect, for politico/ideological reasons by those who think they will benefit by provoking the class struggle.

Yours faithfully,
P. S. YOUNG,
Stumble Hill,
Shipbourne,
Tonbridge, Kent.
August 22.

Piddletrenthide et al

From Mr P. H. H. Moore

Sir, There can surely never have been a more musical-sounding appointment in *The Times* than that of August 21, announcing that the vicar of Piddletrenthide with Alton Pancras and Plush is to be priest-in-charge of Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna.

Is there really a parish of Piddletrenthide with Alton Pancras and Plush? If so, I will have to retire there: it certainly is an improvement on "Maidstone". In 30 years' time, however, when I am ready to retire, that parish, too, will probably have a post-code, and it will merely be known as "Pwapap", for short.

SOCIAL NEWS

The Queen will visit Bradford and Halifax on November 13.

Princess Anne, patron of the Riding for the Disabled Association, will visit the West Horsley group at Bookham, Surrey, on October 23, and accept, on behalf of the association, a portable tack room given by the Variety Club of Great Britain.

Birthdays today

Lord Ashby, 70; Sir Dingle Foot, QC, 69; Commander Sir Clive Loehnis, 72; Mr Justice Milmo, 66; Sir Francis Mudie, 84; Sir Wilfred Neden, 81; Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Saunders, 80; Mr Graham Sutherland, 71; Sir Richard Sykes, 69; Air Chief Marshal Sir Augustus Walker, 62; Sir Percy Wyn-Harris, 71.

TOMORROW: Right Rev Dr G. F. Allen, 72; Sir Frank Bower, 80; Sir Hans Krebs, 74; Sir William Luce, 67; Lieutenant-General Sir Harold Redman, 75; Sir Graham Rowlandson, 66; Sir Thomas Shankland, 69.

University news

Strathclyde

Mr W. R. Wilkie, reader in administration, and Dr T. W. Maver, director of the architecture and building aids computer unit, have been awarded personal professorships, in recognition of their academic distinction.

Today's engagements

Exhibition of Far Eastern Art, Victoria and Albert Museum, Exhibition Road, 10 am-6 pm.

Exhibition: The Maya, their art and culture, Museum of Mankind, 6 Burlington Gardens, 10 am-5 pm.

Golden Hinde: full-scale authentic replica of Drake's ship, Tower Pier, near Tower of London, 10 am-8 pm.

Second World War Aircraft Exhibition, Skyfame Aircraft Museum, Staverton Airport, Cheltenham, 11 am-5 pm.

Tomorrow

Display of costumes used in BBC television series *Elizabeth R*, King's Wine Cellar, Hampton Court Palace, 11 am-5.30 pm.

Dolls: A study of their history and development, 1750-1970, Bethnal Green Museum, Cambridge Heath Road, 2.30 pm-6 pm.

City Walk: Around London Wall, meet St Paul's Station, 3 pm.

Band Performance by Royal British Legion, Regent's Park, 6 pm-7.30 pm.

Services tomorrow:

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8, M, 10.30, the Dean, Te Deum in F (Ireland in the Jub (Stanford in B flat); HC, 11.30 (Darke in F), Int, O mysterium ineffabile (Lallouette); E, 3.15, Presendary A. N. Chester, Mag and ND (Stanford in C), A, Greater love (Ireland).

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC 8, M 10.30 (Marchant in G), A, Ave verum (Byrd), Rev M. Mayne; HC, 11.40; E, 3 (Gibbons-short), A, O sacrum convivium (Tallis), Canon J. A. Baker; 6.30, Rev D. Campbell.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: HC (said), 8; 11, Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus, Veni Sancte Spiritus (Terry), A, Ave verum corpus (Gounod), Canon Peter Delaney; Choral Evening Prayer, 4, Plainsong faux bourdons, Magnificat, A, God's goodness (Bridge), Very Rev Harold Frankham.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk (public welcomed): HC, 8, M, 11, Band: Welsh Guards, Rev C. J. Comyns, A, Sing joyfully (Mundy).

ROYAL HOSPITAL, Chelsea (public admitted): HC, 8.30 and noon, Parade Service, 11, A, How shall I fitly meet thee (Bach), Rev J. N. M. Davies.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) (public welcomed): HC, 8.30, 10.15, M, 11 (Boyce in C), A, Laudate Dominum (Mozart), and B, 3.30 (Noble in B minor), Rev D. H. G. Clark, A, Evening hymn (Balfour Gardiner).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev G. de Mello.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street: LM, 8 and 6.30, HM, 11 (Darke in F), Rev John Slater, E and B, 6 (Hutchings in B minor), the Vicar.

CHELSEA PARISH CHURCH, Sydney Street: HC, 8.15, 12.10, Parish Communion, 10, M, 11, and E, 6.30, Rev Christopher Dant.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC, 8.15, Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev J. B. Gaskell.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road: HC, 8 and 12.15, Family Communion, 9, Mr M. R. G. Sherlock; M, 11, the Vicar; E, 6, Professor A. Cameron.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road: HC, 8.30, 12.15, M, 11, Prebendary D. W. Cleverley Ford; E, 6, Prebendary G. T. Chappell.

HOLY TRINITY, Kingsway: SE, 11, Rev John Arrowsmith.

ST ALBAN'S, Holborn: LM, 8 and 6.30 pm, SM, 8.30, HM, 11 (Hutchings in G), Ave Maria Stella (Grieg), Canon W. Masters.

ST BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123): HC, 9, M, 11 (Farrant in A minor), A, Almighty and everlasting God (Gibbons) and E, 6.30 (Farrant in A minor), the Rector, A, Call to remembrance (Farrant).

ST BRIDGES, Fleet Street: HC, 8.30, M & HC, 11, and E, 6.30, Rev Dewi Morgan.

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens: LM, 8 and 10, HM, 11 (Ireland in C), Rev John Vine, E and B, 6.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square: HC, 8, Sung Eucharist, 11 (Tallis), Rev W. M. Atkins, Mot, O God that at no time (Pearson).

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High Street: HC, 8, 12, MP, 11 and 6.30, Rev A. W. D. Bayley.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC, 8.15, Eucharist, 9.15 (no sermon); M, 11, and E, 6, Rev J. L. W. Robinson.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: HC, 8.15, 12.15 and 6.45, Dean Robin Price; M, 11, Jub (Meeran in E flat), A, Alleluia, I heard a voice (Weelkes), E, 6, Mag and ND (Rubbra in A flat), A, Like as the hart (Howells).

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: HC, 8, Family Communion, 9.35, M, 11.15, Rev Austen Williams; 6.30, Norman Ingram-Smith.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC, 7, 8, 12.30: Sung Eucharist, 9.30, and E, 6.30, Rev R. L. O. Rees, A, Save us, O Lord (Balfour); M, 11.15, Rev C. G. Rogers, A, Almighty and everlasting God (Gibbons).

ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC, 8, 11, Prebendary F. Coventry; E, 6.30.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square: HC, 8.15, 12.15, M, 11, and 6, Rev E. G. H. Saunders.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC, 8, 9, SE, 11, Father Angelo.

ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street: M, 11, and 6.30, Bishop Goodwin Hudson.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square: HC, 8.15, Sung Eucharist, 11, Missa sine nominee (Vladana), Mot, Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd), Rev D. B. Tillyer.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC, 8, M, 11, E, 6.30, Rev O. R. Clarke.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road: LM, 7, 8: HM, 11, Missa Seraphica (Burgess), Rev Richard Hayes: E and B, 6, Rev Herbert Moore.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane: SM, 11, Huc ad regem (de Klerk), Canon Ffrench-Beytagh.

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland), Pont Street: 11 and 6.30, Rev John G. Gaudie.

CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland), Russell Street, Covent Garden: 11.15 and 6.30, Rev Dr William G. Morrice.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: LM, 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30 and 7, HM, 10.30, Missa Quarti toni (Victoria), Sperent in te omnes (Lassus), and B, 3.30, THE ORATORY: LM, 7, 8, 9, 10, SM, 11, Assumpta est Maria (Palestrina); V and B, 5.30, Mot, Ave Maria (Victoria).

ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street: Masses at 8, 9, 10, 11 (sung in Latin), 12, and 4, 5 and 6 pm.

ST PATRICK'S, Soho Square: SM, 6 pm, Messe in G (Rudinger), Cantabo Domino (Lewkowitch).

ST JAMES'S, Spanish Place: SM (English), 9, HM 10.30, Missa brevis (Palestrina), Mot Salve Regina (Byrd); Committee, 6.

THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: LM, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 (Father Kevin O'Callaghan), 4.15, 6.30 and 7.30 pm.

REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (United Reformed), Tavistock Place: 11 and 6.30, Rev G. Hood.

KENSINGTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (Presbyterian / Congregational), Allen Street: 11 and 6.30, Rev F. G. Miller.

CENTRAL HALL, Westminster: 11 and 6.30, Dr M. Barnett.

METROPOLITAN TABERNACLE (Spurgeon's) Baptist Church, Elephant and Castle: 11 and 6.30.

KINGSWAY HALL (West London Mission): 11 and 6.30 (at Holy Trinity, Kingsway).

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct: 11 and 6.30, Dr Norman Gandall.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 and 6.30, Rev Geraint D. Fielder.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, meeting at St Martin's, Ludgate Hill: 11, Mr Alfred Gilliver.

ESSEX CHURCH (Unitarian) Kensington (temporary), St Mary Abbots Church Hall, Vicarage Gate: 11.15, Rev F. W. Phillips.

FRIENDS MEETING FOR WORSHIP (Quakers), 52 St Martin's Lane: 11.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr H. Grigoriou and Miss M. Hancock

The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place on September 13, 1974, at Kastraki, Tolo, Greece, between Hippokrates, son of Mr and Mrs Emmanuel Grigoriou, of Kypselis 97, Athens, and Miranda, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Bramley Hancock, of Mingoes, South Close Green, Merstham, Surrey.

Mr Z. G. Kronbergs and Miss S. V. Brinton

The engagement is announced between Zigurds, only son of Mr and Mrs V. R. Kronbergs, of Corby, Northamptonshire, and Sarah (Sally), eldest daughter of Mr T. D. Brinton, of Tenterden, Kent, and Mrs G. Shearing, of Gillingham, Dorset.

Mr J. C. W. Walker and Miss P. R. C. Winfield

The engagement is announced between Julian Charles Wilbraham, son of Mr T. C. R. Walker, of Prestbury, Cheshire, and of Mrs Joan Walker, of Wells, Somerset, and Philippa Rosemary Caroline, only daughter of Dr B. J. O. Winfield, AFC, and Mrs Winfield, of Croxley Green, Hertfordshire.

Marriage

Mr R. H. Elworthy and Mrs V. E. Wilson

The marriage took place quietly in London on August 22, of Mr Richard Elworthy and Mrs Virginia Wilson (nee Hobson).

Latest wills

£100,000 estate for charity

Mr Leslie Arnold Harrington, of Dulwich, automobile engineer, left £156,828 net (duty paid, £36,397). Apart from bequests of £1,100 and effects he left his estate for charitable purposes.

Other estates include (net, before duty paid; further duty may be payable on some estates):

Banks, Mr Sidney Charles, of Sandy, Bedfordshire (duty paid, £358,652) £999,110

Lesslie, Mr Colin Douglas, of Wisborough Green, Sussex, film producer (duty paid, £4,754) £38,386

Dale, Mr Vernon Herbert, of Downe, Kent (duty paid, £59,895) £94,050

25 years ago

From The Times of Wednesday, August 24, 1949.

From Our Own Correspondent

Washington, Aug. 23.—The White House announced this afternoon that the North Atlantic Treaty will become effective tomorrow when, at a ceremony at the White House, the French Ambassador, M Bonnet, deposits the last instrument of ratification required to bring it into force. During the ceremony instruments will also be deposited on behalf of Portugal, Denmark, and Italy. The President will later issue a formal proclamation that the treaty is in force between the nations that have deposited instruments of ratification.

Earlier in the day the Senate committees on Foreign Relations and Armed Services, which have been conducting joint hearings into the Military Assistance Programme, reported their approval of certain portions of the proposed legislation but deferred action on the more disputed sections of the Bill relating to military aid to nations associated with the Atlantic Treaty.

Lady Baden-Powell greeting Girl Guide delegates to a London seminar on life in big cities, yesterday, organized by the Girl Guides Association. Mrs Jeanne Beyer (United States) is on the left, next to Mrs Margaret Ogumniran (Nigeria), with Miss Nellie Mwaingwe on the right.

Did Christ fail on the Cross?

By Angela Tilby

Christianity is a religion of paradoxes, and nowhere more so than in its theology of the cross. The cross, as the central symbol of the faith, is presented at one and the same time as a defeat and a victory. It has always been easier to grasp the victorious aspect, especially in times of gloom.

There are two discernible strands of "triumphalism" in the church today. One strand is politically revolutionary, the other is politically reactionary, and both, as I hope to show, have conveniently forgotten that in human terms the cross was a tragedy and a defeat. Both are reflected in the New Testament and are developed in the apologetic of the early Church. The revolutionary strand can be found in the Apocalypse, and in the fierce rhetoric of writers like Tertullian. For them, the gospel of Jesus Christ was in radical opposition to the status quo. In the imminent revolution of the second coming the ruling classes would be judged and condemned, and the oppressed would rule over an earthly kingdom. In contrast, the reactionary strand, glimmers of which can be found in Luke and Acts, involved the assumption that a stable political framework was a crucial part of the providence of God.

The revolutionary strand can be found today in organizations such as the World Council of Churches. Their message, put crudely, has three points. First, the breakdown of Western society is imminent. Second, this breakdown is a reflection of the fact that the West is under judgment. Its systems of government are exploitative, both internally, and in their relations to the third world. Thirdly, the violence of the cross sanctifies the use of violence in the liberation of the oppressed.

Reactionary triumphalism hinges on a totally different set of assumptions. Western democracy, with all its faults, is thought of as the authentic expression of Christianity within society. The call goes out to uphold "christian standards" in business, in education, in marriage and family life. There is a great fear that the whole structure of society may crash, and that Christianity will crumble with it. Within this movement the cross stands for "unselfishness".

In their different ways both sides avoid the negative aspects of the cross, and thus skirt round the problem of evil. For in the New Testament, the light of the world really was quenched, and the violence of man triumphant. Christ did not die in order to bestow a blessing on the instruments of human violence, nor was he a calm and composed martyr to the nebulous cause of "unselfishness". Christ died as he lived, struggling to resolve the paradox of universal human suffering with infinite divine compassion.

Professor D. M. Mackinnon has argued recently that it is exactly this paradox which the cross reveals. Hence when St John writes of the cross as the focal point of glory, he means that the cross is the place of revelation where we see things as they are. The cross reveals the basic flaw in reality, the split which runs through all experience. It does not heal the split, it exposes it. Christ on the cross plummets the depth of human suffering and brings back no answer to the problem of evil. Indeed, according to the other gospel writers, in his last moments he is abandoned by God. St John's language swings wildly between the two poles of the paradox. Christ is abased and humiliated—*this* is his exaltation. Christ is "lifted up" and abandoned between earth and heaven—*this* is how he draws all men to himself. The revelation that there is no answer to the problem of evil comes as a relief. We are saved at last from the power of our own delusions.

Recognition of this involves a death to fantasy. There is no suggestion in the New Testament that this will not be a harsh and painful experience, or that the joy of resurrection will not include elements of fear and dread. For if the cross really was a failure and defeat then whatever happens afterwards is as unexpected as creation, a miracle of grace. Christians have rarely seen the cross in this tragic light because they have been taught to think of the resurrection as the inevitable happy ending to the story. So the cross becomes a banner in whatever cause one is trying to espouse, a slogan for a variety of brands of social fantasy.

In contrast, if the negative aspects of the cross are embraced and accepted, then the possibility of authentic living is opened. If our society is going to be plunged into chaos and turmoil then triumphalistic answers will prove shallow. Those who urge on the revolution will find that they have betrayed their own past. In losing their ability to repent and grieve, they will find they have lost their humanity. Those who have tried to shore up the defences of society will find themselves judged by those who could not live up to false standards. In terms of the Church's role within society the cross is not a banner to be waved in social or political causes, it is rather a judgment against any of these causes being identified with the coming kingdom. The Church must be freed, painfully, from its fantasies of power and influence in order to become what it is called to be—the human community which bears witness by its own suffering to the redemptive cross of Christ.

A strange tune gains silver chanter

From Seton Gordon

Portree, Skye

As pipers, the MacCrimmons are perhaps immortal. Their compositions in the classical music of the Highland bagpipes are centuries old, and their beauty is unique. Dame Flora MacLeod, chief of the clan and a direct descendant of the patron whom the MacCrimmons served, each year holds a piping competition in her castle at which the leading pipers of the day compete for a silver pipe chanter.

One of the most musical tunes was played by Mr James Mackintosh from Aberdeen, a pupil of the late Robert Brown, Balmoral. Its name is "MacCrimmon's Sweetheart" and we heard it played with feeling and skill although it did not win the first prize. The chanter was won by Mr Hugh MacCallum, who played, with excellent fingering, a rather strange tune called "Mrs MacLeod of Calliskers Salute".

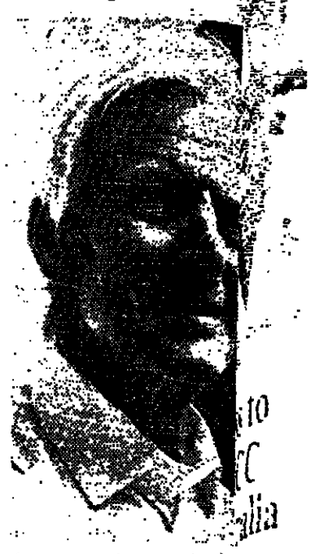
Mr Donald Morrison from the Outer Hebridean island of South Uist, who won the silver chanter last year, and who was placed second, displayed his usual musical touch in his tune "Rory MacLeod's Lament". Dame Flora, who made light of her years, welcomed her guests, and enthusiastically described the traditional fairy origin of the MacCrimmons' gift of music.

The judges this year were Mr James Campbell, of Kilberry, Colonel Murray and myself.

OBITUARY

SIR CHARLES WHEELER

Former president of the Royal Academy



Sir Charles Wheeler, KCVO, CBE, PPRA whose death was reported briefly in *The Times* yesterday was widely known as the sculptor of many monumental, memorial and decorative works and as a President of the Royal Academy whose term of office (1956-66) was one of the longest in recent times. He was 82.

His architectural commissions were executed with a competency to which the skill acquired from a thorough training and an extensive professional practice both contributed. It is likely, however, that the more personal qualities of the sculptor were to some extent obscured by the work best known to the public. A possible comparison is that of the lyric poet commissioned to write narratives or epics. This is far from saying that he was unsuccessful in the sculpture carried out for Sir Herbert Baker at the Bank of England or the groups for the Jellicoe Memorial Fountain, Trafalgar Square, in collaboration with Sir Edwin Lutyens but other works may be considered more typical of the artist's personal aspirations. An example is the bronze statue, "Spring", exhibited in the Academy of 1930 and purchased through the Chantrey Bequest for the Tate Gallery; a gracefully mannered figure of the Botticelli type, elongated in form and lovingly finished. This more intimate impression of Wheeler is also given by the bronze angel for the Bishop Jacob memorial church at Ilford designed by Sir Herbert Baker, the bronze bust, "The Infant Christ", another Chantrey purchase for the Tate (1924) a portrait of the artist's nine-month-old son early in 1920 and the head in black marble, "Night" of 1929.

As often happens when an artist of delicate talent turns to work on a large scale, his reliefs and figures for the Bank of England (1930), his most elaborate undertaking, were inclined to over-emphasis. This applies particularly to the six buttress figures representing the Guardians and Bearers of Wealth which link the old building with the new. The three bronze doors below give a good idea of his lighter manner and in the relief of the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street on the pediment of the central pavilion he made an individual interpretation of the symbolic "Britannia" figure, originally derived from a Roman coin. "My design", he said "represents the new spirit of the age the spirit of reconstruction after the war. The 'Old Lady' grasps her spear and shield and holds a model of the building that symbolizes reconstruction."

Wheeler was responsible for sculpture in other parts of the Bank building such as the figure of Ariel surmounting the Treasury dome and the relief panel over the fireplace in the Court Room. His association with Sir Herbert Baker which began with the Angel for the church at Ilford was fruitful. For the Indian Memorial to the Missing at Neuve Chapelle he executed the two great sitting tigers and the decorative work for the pillars; for Electra House, the headquarters of Cable and Wireless, the two bronze figures of Mercury; and for Church House, Westminster, the relief of "Dedication" over the doorway to the Assembly Hall. His lively "Springbok" in gilt bronze over the corner entrance to South Africa House is familiar to all London passers-by.

The long list of his commissions also includes work in India House, Rhodes House, Oxford, The Royal Empire Society, Haileybury College Chapel, Winchester College Memorial Cloisters, the Memorial, Malta and the Merchant Navy Memorial, Trinity Hill. In his non-architectural work in stone, marble and bronze he practised direct carving with much regard for material and texture and quality of surface.

Charles Thomas Wheeler was the son of a journalist was born at Codsall, Staffordshire, on June 14, 1892. He elected to leave school when fifteen to study sculpture at the Wolverhampton School of Art where he received a sound training under Bmerson. Wolverhampton later accorded him the Freedom of the Borough. In 1912 he gained a scholarship to the Royal College of Art where he became a pupil of Edward Lanteri, later assistant to that celebrated professor in his private work and made a posthumous portrait of Lanteri.

Wheeler exhibited at the Royal Academy from 1914, was made A.R.A. in 1934 and R.A. in 1940. He was President of the Royal Society of British Sculptors from 1944 to 1949, in the latter year receiving the Society's gold medal for services to sculpture. One of the many honours that came to him was the gold medal of the National Academy of Design, USA, in 1963. He was a Trustee of the Tate Gallery, 1942-49 and a member of the Royal Fine Art Commission, 1946-52. In 1956 he was elected President of the Royal Academy (the first sculptor to be elected) in succession to Sir Albert Richardson and continued in office until 1966.

It was a period marked by the sale of the Leonardo Cartoon for the £800,000 raised to purchase the famous work for the nation in 1962 placing the Academy in a much improved position financially. It was the period of two of the Academy's most ambitious Winter Exhibitions, those devoted to Goya and Bonnard. He published an autobiography *High Relief* in 1968.

A mild and friendly man in personal contact, short in stature but as sturdy and athletic looking as a sculptor might be expected to be, with clear eager features and a distinctive sweep of hair, Wheeler was a vigorous controversialist and active propagandist for the arts in general.

Wheeler married Mary, younger daughter of Alfred Bourne, herself a talented painter and sculptor and a regular exhibitor at the Royal Academy and they had a son and daughter.

Lady Philips, wife of Sir Cyril Philips, Professor of Oriental History, University of London, has died. She was Dorcas, daughter of John Hall, and she was married in 1919.

Professor Louis Melville Milne-Thomson, C.B.E., Professor of Applied Mathematics, University of Arizona, 1958-62, has died at Sevenoaks. He was from 1921 to 1956 he was Professor of Mathematics at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.

Major Ivor Charles, formerly personal assistant to Lord Thomson of Fleet, was found dead at his home at Ewhurst, Surrey, on Wednesday.

Mgr Carl Vath, president of Caritas the Roman Catholic relief organization, has died in Germany, aged 64.

Mr Claude K. Ledger, CBE, who had been Consul-General in Strasbourg, Léopoldville, Lourenco Marques and Tetuan, died on August 19. He was 86.

Lady Hallett, widow of Sir Hugh Hallett, MC, for many years a Judge of the Queen's Bench Division, died yesterday. She was Winifred Sydney, daughter of Sydney Spalding, and she was married in 1921. Her husband died in 1967.

Lady Bicester, widow of the second Baron Bicester, died on Tuesday at the age of 77. She was the Hon Dorothea Gwenllian James, daughter of third Baron Northbourne, and she was married in 1922. Her husband died in 1968.

Latest pamphlets

Dreamy child who became England's greatest soldier

Wellington. By Amoret and Christopher Scott. Arthur Wellesley made an unpromising start in life: dreamy, idle and shy, leaving Eton prematurely and regarded by his parents as the least likely to succeed of their seven children. But on his death in 1852 Queen Victoria described him as the greatest man the country had ever produced. His life and career were marked by contrasts and fluctuating fortunes. He eclipsed his elder brother, who was appointed Governor-General of India when the future Duke was but a colonel serving in that country. When he entered politics his support for Catholic emancipation and opposition to parliamentary reform exposed him to intense unpopularity. But he managed to retrieve his former glory.
Shire Publications Ltd, Cromwell House, Church Street, Princes Risborough, Aylesbury. 45p (*postage* 5p).

The Young Wellington in India. By C. H. Phillips. Years after Waterloo, when a friend asked him what was the best he ever did in the way of fighting, Wellington replied: "Assaye". The campaign he conducted in India, culminating in the battle of Assaye, made his military reputation, transformed the style of battle and enriched the art of guerrilla fighting. Dr Philips, in looking at the transformation that the young Arthur Wellesley and his elder brother Richard, as governor-general, brought about in India, contrasts their respective philosophies and the personal effects of their experiences, the eventual dissolution of the elder brother and the maturing of the future Duke
University of London, The Athlone Press, 4 Gower Street, WC1. 50p (*postage* 5p).

Waterloo. By David Howarth. In all the vast amount of material that has been written about Wellington, the battles in which he participated and his military and parliamentary careers, it is curious that no English writer has ever produced an English guidebook to the scene of the battle of Waterloo. This oversight has now been remedied by Mr Howarth, whose 48-page guide is an invaluable aid not only to the many tourists who still visit the battlefield but to anyone wanting a succinct account of what took place.
Library of Imperial History, 44 Museum Street, London, WC1. £1 (*postage* 7p).

Kitchener. By R. J. Wilkinson-Latham. Wellington came from an Anglo-Irish family: Kitchener, who was also to become a legend as a soldier-imperialist, was born in co Kerry two years before Wellington's death. There were other similarities in their careers, although naturally in the intervening years circumstances had changed. Much of the interest in this book lies in the personal traits of Kitchener to which the author draws attention: his inability to delegate, his impulsive nature, his mania for economy.
Shire Publications Ltd, Cromwell House, Church Street, Princes Risborough, Aylesbury. 45p (*postage* 5p).

Cyril Bainbridge

A kingfisher on the Hodder, near Clitheroe, Lancashire, about to return to its young with a captive minnow.

Cheddar conservationists fear limekiln is part of creeping industrialization

From John Young
Planning Reporter Cheddar

Less than a mile from where the Cheddar Gorge carves its spectacular way down the Mendip escarpment, man has made his own unlovely contribution. A huge quarry has long scarred more than a hundred acres of hillside and in a few weeks' time a new limekiln will add more noise and pollution.

Quarrying began in 1948, and the present owner, the Amey Roadstone Company, a subsidiary of Consolidated Goldfields, has permission to extract in all 100 million tons of limestone. That is likely to take at least another 15 years.

Local conservationists admit that nothing can be done about that, but last year the newly formed Cheddar Action Group fought a rearguard battle against the kiln. It argued that the kiln would emit unacceptable amounts of dust, carbon dioxide, lead and zinc, would have a negative effect on local employment and go against Somerset County Council's policies for an area of outstanding natural beauty.

Farmers declared that the dust would affect the soft fruit crops, among the richest in the country. The company answered that by processing limestone on the spot it could reduce the number of lorries grinding up and down the steep hills.

The protesters were too late. In March last year permission was granted for a Kraus Maffei burner, the larger Humboldt system proposed earlier having been rejected on technical grounds. The only other Kraus Maffei burner in Britain is at Grassington, on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, where it has provoked fierce controversy.

The argument then turned to the siting of three large butane storage tanks to fuel the kiln. Having approved the kiln, the council had little option but to reject the conservationists' pleas; and planning permission was granted last September.

A call for a public inquiry was defeated at a meeting of Cheddar Parish Council by the casting vote of the chairman. There were mutterings about government pressure, since limestone is used in the purification of steel and the main purchaser is the nationalized British Steel Corporation.

On the face of it the Cheddar group is struggling for a lost cause. But what it, the Mendip Society and the Council for the Protection of Rural England fear is that the quarrying extensions are the start of creeping industrialization. They are now campaigning against a proposed maintenance depot for the company's lorries and tankers, on which a planning decision has yet to be reached.

Amey Roadstone may apply to install a second burner since the Kraus Maffei has only just over half the capacity of the Humboldt. English China Clays is quarrying in the same area and it is feared that it also may apply to build a kiln.

There is also an involved dispute about a proposed new road for quarry traffic, which many local people feel would be yet another eyesore. Those in favour argue that it would relieve villages along the narrow, winding road the lorries use.

The thousands of tourists who meander between the cliffs and the souvenir shops and hot-dog stands are probably unaware of the controversy. But local people are asking why the council should have refused permission for a cable car up the gorge and for a handful of houses and bungalows on the hillside on the ground that they would be detrimental to a famous beauty spot, when it felt unable to halt the quarrying expansion.

Latest appointments

Australian High Commissioner

The following appointments are announced:

Sir John Bunting, aged 56, Permanent Head of the Department of the Australian Prime Minister and Cabinet, to be High Commissioner in London, from next February, succeeding Mr John Armstrong. Mr John Menadue, aged 39, personal assistant to Mr Ruper Murdoch, the newspaper publisher, will succeed Sir John in Canberra.

Lord Mayor begins three-nation visit

Sir Hugh Wontner, the Lord Mayor of London flew from Heathrow today for a three weeks' tour of the Seychelles, Kenya and Egypt. He is accompanied by the Lady Mayoress.

Sir Hugh begins an official visit to the Seychelles tomorrow. His party will fly to Nairobi on August 31 for a three-day official visit to Kenya, and the Lord Mayor is due in Cairo on September 9.

Service for battleship

Twelve survivors of the battleship Royal Oak, sunk in Scapa Flow, Orkney, in October, 1939, in the first big catastrophe of the war, will attend a service of remembrance on September 3 at the spot where the ship went down with the loss of over 800 men. It will be followed by a service in Kirkwall's 800-year-old St Magnus Cathedral.

Science report

Zoology: Plants and butterflies

One of the most serious hazards to biologists since the time of Darwin has been the temptation to speculate, from tantalizingly suggestive observations on modern organisms, on the evolutionary processes that led to them. Among the latest to fall victim to this temptation are three biologists confronted with an outstanding example of how insects can exploit the plants they feed on.

Butterflies of the family Danainae make use of chemicals present in two species of plants belonging to the Boraginaceae, one for reproductive and the other for protective purposes. From present knowledge of various members of the two families, Dr J. A. Edgar and Dr C. C. J. Culvenor, of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO) in Victoria, Australia, and Dr T. E. Pliske at Miami University, have taken off on a fascinating excursion into the possible past history of the relationship.

The more important of the two chemicals misappropriated by the butterflies from their food sources belongs to the pyrrolizidine alkaloids. Male butterflies convert the alkaloids to a slightly different form, in which they adhere to specialized hair-like structures on the insects' bodies and perform the important function of attracting the female of the species.

The other chemical, used by male and female alike, belongs to the cardenolides, which are heart poisons to the vertebrate species which prey upon butterflies. The cardenolides are picked up and stored by the larvae, which feed on plants containing them. Birds learn that cardenolide-loaded insects will make them ill, and come to avoid them.

The modern Danaid butterflies derive the two chemicals from two different members of the borage family, on one of which the larvae thrive and on the other of which adult male butterflies feed. But there is a plant species that contains both chemicals. It is also the larval food plant of a related but more primitive family of butterflies, the Ithomiinae. The assumption that these may be a "living fossil" of the present relationship of Danainae and Boraginaceae is the starting point for the speculative excursion of Dr Edgar and his colleagues.

In the beginning, they propose, both male and female may have been attracted by both chemicals to a single plant, containing cardenolide and pyrrolizidine alkaloid compounds. That put the plant under considerable pressure because not only did the adult butterfly feed on it but the female laid her eggs on it, so that it had to withstand the ravages of the larvae as well. Thus, they reason, any plant containing only one of the two chemicals would be less attractive and therefore at an advantage. That could have led to the divergence of the Boraginaceae into species containing cardenolides and those containing pyrrolizidine alkaloids.

If the males then fed chiefly on species containing pyrrolizidine alkaloids, and the females on those containing cardenolides, butterflies would continue to benefit from the protective effect of the heart poison and the presence on the plants would be reduced. But with the males and the females now attracted to different plants there would be a new difficulty.

Mating could be left to chance encounter while both sexes were likely to meet when feeding. There, however, a more reliable mechanism would be needed. Hence Dr Edgar suggests, the development by the male of an elaborate apparatus for carrying a volatile sexual attractant derived from the cardenolide food plant attractant. That would ensure that the female could detect a distant mate and pursue him. The adaptation of the original mechanism that arrested her flight when the chosen food plant would bring her to a halt close to the mate.

That is the broad evolutionary scheme put forward by Dr Edgar and his associates. The exact details of the able chronology may be a little hard to envisage. But it would be hard to find a richer field for evolutionary speculation than that of the chemical relationships between insects with their food plants.

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England left with a distant target

By John Woodcock

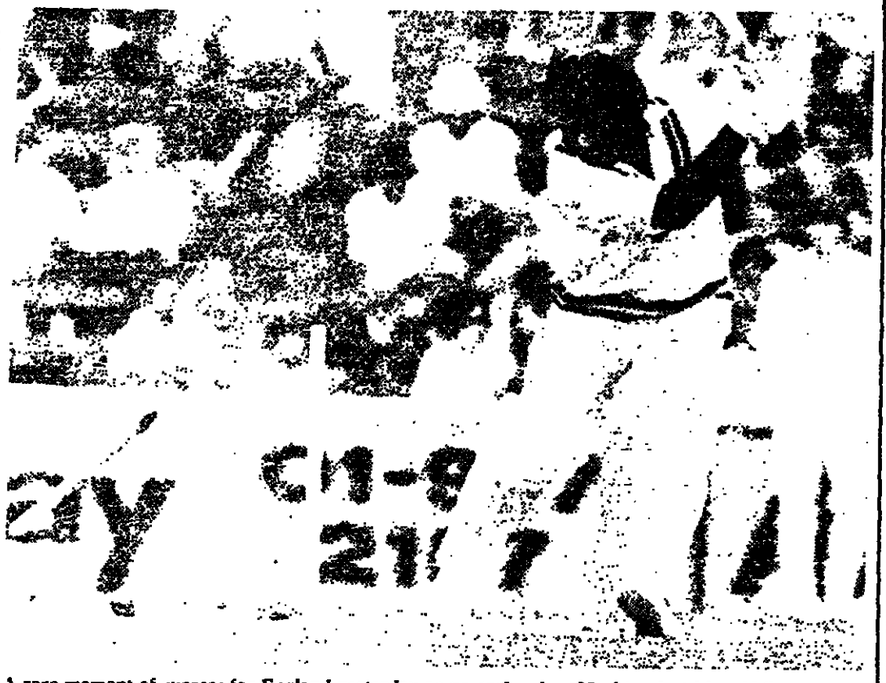
THE OVAL: England, with nine first innings wickets in hand, are 385 runs behind Pakistan.

To England's relief, as well as their chagrin, Pakistan continued their first innings until a quarter to six in the third Test match yesterday. This meant that England were left with only 35 minutes batting at the end of two foot-slogging days, though even that was long enough for Lloyd to be caught at short leg. For England the first distant target is to save the follow-on, and for that they have to make another 376. Though the pitch is slow and the weather could be breaking up there is no need to stress what a task they have on hand.

Leading the way for Pakistan yesterday, sometimes forcefully sometimes not, was Zaheer Abbas, who scored 240. His is a remarkable Test career. In only his second Test innings he scored 274 against England at Edgbaston. That was in 1971. Before this present match he had played another 21 Test innings since then for only 410 runs. Both his Test hundreds, in fact, have been double hundreds, and in all time only Don Bradman (8), George Headley (2) and Bobby Simpson (2) have scored as many as two double hundreds against England. Zaheer has made his, too, in spectacles.

Curiously enough no one else made a hundred in this latest innings for Pakistan. Asif Iqbal and Wasim Raja played nicely yesterday, and Intikhab hit the ball with terrible power towards the end; but no one else got a hundred. Pakistan's largest total against England (608 for seven) was made immediately after they had come back from Australia with the Ashes in 1971. This one comes on the eve of their going back there. In 1971, for the sake of the comparison, England's attack was Lever, Shuttleworth, Ward, Illingworth, Underwood and D'Oliveira.

Mammoth totals are no more uncommon against England than they are by Pakistan. In the last Test but one that Pakistan played against Australia, at Melbourne, they declared at 574 for eight. In New Zealand soon after that, at Dunedin, they declared at 507 for six. At home, a month later, they scored 569 for nine against England at Hyderabad. In good conditions they are one of the most prolific batting sides of recent times.



A rare moment of success for England yesterday came early when Mushtaq lost his middle stump to Arnold. Later in the innings the England bowlers came in for punishment.

Now for the other side of the coin. This was the sixth total of over 550 that England have conceded since the start of 1973: one under the captaincy of Lewis, two under Illingworth and three under Denness. Give this particular attack to the tactician of your choice, on a pitch as good as this one has been, and the result might be expected to be much the same. Yesterday England bowled better than on Thursday, but Pakistan were not contained without recourse to predominantly defensive fields and a lamentably slow over rate. In five hours and a quarter England bowled only 71.3 overs.

As the runs mounted up, the various remedies were suggested as to what might be done to strengthen the attack for Australia. You could say that Titmus and Lever have both had their chances of going improved by not playing at the Oval; but there is no getting away from it that England's attack is desperately short of penetration when there is nothing in the wicket or the weather to help them.

With the new ball, taken five minutes after the start of the day, still only five overs old, Mushtaq lost his middle stump to Arnold. For the third wicket Mushtaq and Zaheer had set up a new record for Pakistan against England of 172, though it had been kept in the Mohammad family, Mushtaq's brother, Hanif, sharing the previous record with Burki.

With Asif playing himself in and Zaheer making sure of seeing through the new ball, the first hour brought only 39 runs. The second brought 74 from 14 overs with the best batting of the day. It is a compliment to both Asif and Zaheer to say how much alike they looked as they unfolded their strokes. They have the same free swing of the bat, the same keen eye for the opening, the same eagerness to run four where others would settle for three. Four times they ran four, getting home quite comfortably each time.

The size of the Oval outfield (six acres and a half) has had a big influence on this match. In Pakistan's innings there were no fewer than 26 threes, almost all of which would have reached the boundary at Headingley (five acres) or at the Oval had they, as in recent years, allowed spectators on the grass. When, as now, it is all being used, there is more action between the wickets but probably fewer runs. In this second hour of the morning there was some furious running from Asif Iqbal and Zaheer, some flashing cuts and fine drives, and from England any amount of good ground fielding.

The rest of the day rather lacked the same sparkle. Understandably enough, England were almost entirely defensive. Pakistan had to come and get their runs and Zaheer made less effort to do so than one might have expected. Having reached his 200 with a flurry against Willis, he scored only another 30 in the next 95 minutes.

In this time he lost Asif and Wasim Raja, both to Greig. Asif was caught and bowled, driving. Wasim had played one simply glorious cover drive off Greig, among a number of other good strokes, when in trying to hit Greig back over the top he was well caught by Denness, running to his left at deep mid-on. Greig was lucky here, having just suggested to Denness that he go deeper, which Denness was still thinking about.

By tea it was 534 for five. A quarter of an hour afterwards, Zaheer, making room to hit Underwood through the covers, was bowled. He had batted for just over nine hours and hit 22 fours. Underwood had not bowled since the morning, when in six overs he was hit for seven fours and a single. Through the afternoon Greig had bowled 15 quite accurate overs, looking better the slower he bowled.

After Zaheer had gone, Imran soon followed, splendidly caught by Knott, diving to his right towards the slips, had there been any. Whereupon Intikhab and Sarfraz added a quick, and for England, painful, 50 runs, more painful to Old than the others. To be driven straight for one six by Intikhab and over extra cover for another is unamusing on a Sunday afternoon, let alone in a Test match.

Test scorecard

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Sadiq Mohammad, c Old, b Willis	21
Majid Khan, b Underwood	98
Zaheer Abbas, b Underwood	240
Mushtaq Mohammad, b Arnold	76
Asif Iqbal, c and b Greig	29
Wasim Raja, c Denness, b Greig	228
Imran Khan, c Knott, b Willis	24
† Intikhab Alam, not out	32
Sarfraz Nawaz, not out	14
Extras (b 6, l-b 18, n-b 14)	38
Total (7 wkts dec)	600

† Wasim Bari and Asif Masood did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—66, 2—166, 3—336, 4—431, 5—503, 6—550, 7—550.

BOWLING: Arnold, 37—5—106—1; Willis, 28—3—102—2; Old, 29.3—3—143—0; Underwood, 44—14—105—2; Greig, 25—5—92—2; Lloyd, 2—0—13—0.

ENGLAND: First Innings

D. L. Amiss, not out	8
D. Lloyd, c Sadiq, b Sarfraz	4
D. L. Underwood, not out	1
Extras (nb 2)	2
Total (1 wkt)	15

J. H. Edrich, † M. H. Denness, K. W. R. Fletcher, A. W. Greig, † A. P. E. Knott, C. M. Old, G. G. Arnold and R. C. D. Willis, to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1—14.

BOWLING (to date): Asif Masood, 3—0—10—0; Sarfraz, 4—1—1—1; Intikhab, 1—1—0—0.

Umpires: W. E. Alley and H. D. Bird.

Today's cricket

THE OVAL: England v Pakistan (11.30 to 6.30).

CHELMSFORD: Essex v Leicestershire (11.00 to 6.30).

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Glamorgan (11.0 to 6.30).

FOLKESTONE: Kent v Northamptonshire (11.0 to 6.30).

MANCHESTER: Lancashire v Warwickshire (12.0 to 6.30).

NOTTINGHAM: Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire (11.0 to 6.30).

WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Somerset v Gloucestershire (11.30 to 7.0).

HOVE: Sussex v Middlesex (11.0 to 6.30).

BRADFORD: Yorkshire v Surrey (11.0 6.30).

NATIONAL KNOCKOUT TROPHY

LORD'S: Final: Tunbridge Wells v Sunbury (12.0).

MINOR COUNTIES

BEACONSFIELD: Buckinghamshire v Norfolk.

EXMOUTH: Devon v Somerset.

Tomorrow

JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE (2.0 to 6.30)

CHELMSFORD: Essex v Warwickshire.

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Yorkshire.

BASINGSTOKE: Hampshire v Glamorgan.

CANTERBURY: Kent v Northamptonshire.

LORD'S: Middlesex v Derbyshire.

NOTTINGHAM: Nottinghamshire v Lancashire.

HOVE: Sussex v Leicestershire.

WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Surrey.

MINOR COUNTIES

AMERSHAM: Buckinghamshire v Bedfordshire.

JESMOND: Northumberland v Durham.

HAVERHILL: Suffolk v Lincolnshire.

Swimming

Great tactics by Wilkie and Leigh earn Britain two medals

From John Hopkins
Vienna, Aug 23

David Wilkie and David Leigh brought home the bacon for Britain in the European Swimming Championships here today. Wilkie won the gold medal in the 200 metres breaststroke, as he should as world record holder at that distance, and steaming along in his wake came Leigh for his second bronze medal of the championships. His other was in the shorter breaststroke event.

The two of them swam a very difficult tactical race almost perfectly. The difficulty was caused by Wilkie's nervousness following his aberration in the 100 metres breaststroke. In the morning's heat he did not swim confidently at all and when he tried to surge ahead on the third length he could not do so. "There was nothing there when I wanted it", he said.

For the final he, Leigh and the coach, David Haller, who work out their tactics together, also had to consider the Russian, Nicolay Pankin, who won this event in 1970 in Barcelona and was the fastest qualifier for the final.

They had a stroke of luck as Pankin's time placed him between the two Britons, the nut between the crackers so to speak. It was decided that tactically Wilkie and Leigh should each keep an eye on Pankin and ignore everyone else. This created the extraordinary sight at 100 metres of the three of them, the three fastest men in the field trailing behind the no-hopers—Pankin was fourth, Wilkie fifth and Leigh seventh. At this point, an Austrian was two yards ahead and the crowd, erroneously sensing a sensation, were beside themselves.

In the third length Pankin attacked. By now he must have been cross-eyed trying to look at Wilkie on his left and Leigh on his right. Wilkie went with him, surging forward in long, smooth strokes. And Leigh went too. By the turn they had caught the field and Wilkie was ahead with Pankin and Leigh close behind. Wilkie made a fast turn, won a yard over the Russian and gradually lengthened it until he finished three yards clear. Behind, Leigh was fighting desperately to catch the Russian. He gained perhaps a half yard in 50 metres but it was not enough.

Wilkie's time was one second outside his world record of 2min 19.28sec. But the time of Leigh, who comes from Sheffield, was "a Sheffield City and district record" as he says, and since he is the English record holder it was also an English record.

Only 17, and three years younger than the Scotsman, Leigh is the find of this year, and could be a real threat to Wilkie in next year's world championships. At his age, like a new baby, he is learning every day. Today for example, he learnt that a grab start, one in which he holds the side of the starting block as he crouches waiting for the gun, instead of just bending down, can save himself maybe one second in 100 metres. He made such a fast start in the final, using this method, that when he surfaced he said to himself: "Where's Pankin?", and he actually had to wait for a fraction until the Russian caught him up.

Wilkie's cares seemed to have disappeared with the jaunty wave of his Scottish cap that he wore to the presentation ceremony and that he politely doffed as the National Anthem was played. Tomorrow he competes in the 200 metres individual medley and in his present happy frame of mind he is an even bet for a gold in that, too. Perhaps he and Leigh were cheered by seeing Colin Cunningham's unexpected fourth place in the 200 metres backstroke.

Anyway, they had barely dried themselves when the unusual, if not the impossible, happened. Christel Justen, a West German girl of 16, beat the two mighty East Germans who had been expected, as usual, to take the first and second places. Renate Vogel, of East Germany, had set a world record in the heats. But Miss Justen, who lives three kilometres from Aachen in The Netherlands, did what John Hogg has been telling the British girls to do all week: she didn't give a fig for reputations.

Men

100 METRES FREESTYLE (qualifiers for final): V. Bure (USSR), 52.16; R. Steinbach (W Germany), 52.27; P. Nocke (W Germany), 52.55; B. Pamparo (Italy), 52.59; M. Rousseau (France), 52.67; S. Georgiev (Bulgaria), 53.30; P. Pyttel (E Germany), 53.36; B. Zamowiecki (Sweden), 53.59.

200 METRES BREASTSTROKE: Final: 1. D. Wilkie (GB), 2:20.42; 2. N. Pankin (USSR), 2:22.84; 3. D. Leigh (GB), 2:23.73; 4. M. Krinkin (USSR), 2:24.73; 5. W. Rusch (W Germany), 2:25.29; 6. G. Lalle (Italy), 2:26.94; 7. S. Krichbaum (Austria), 2:27.57; 8. O. Wiiloff (Norway), 2:27.67.

200 METRES BACKSTROKE: Final: 1. B. Matthes (E Germany), 2:04.64; 2. Z. Verraszto (Hungary), 2:04.96; 3. R. Rudolf (Hungary), 2:07.82; 4. C. Cunningham (GB), 2:08.35; 5. J. Esteva (Spain), 2:08.87; 6. T. Luckau (E Germany), 2:09.12; 7. K. Rassang (Netherlands), 2:11.22; 8. L. Potakin (USSR), 2:11.84.

WATER POLO: Group A: West Germany 5, Netherlands 7, Soviet Union 5, Romania 6. Group B: Belgium 8, France 5, Bulgaria 4, Austria 1; Czechoslovakia 5, Sweden 3; GB 5, Poland 1.

Women

100 METRES BREASTSTROKE: Final: 1. C. Justen (W Germany), 1:12.55 (world record); 2. R. Vogel (E Germany), 1:13.60; 3. A. Kaczander (Hungary), 1:14.95; 4. A-K. Schott (E Germany), 1:16.33; 5. L. Rusanova (USSR), 1:16.94; 6. I. Pettersson (Sweden), 1:16.57; 7. D. Rahak (W Germany), 1:16.67; 8. S. Dickie (GB), 1:18.86.

100 METRES BACKSTROKE: Final: 1. U. Richter (E Germany), 1:05.50 (world record); 2. U. Tauber (E Germany), 1:06.07; 3. E. Brigitha (Netherlands), 1:06.94; 4. S. Kalinina (USSR), 1:07.06; 5. L. Nouch (France), 1:07.17; 6. S. Charrier (France), 1:07.75; 6. A. Griesser (W Germany), 1:07.81; 7. N. Slavko (USSR), 1:07.81; 8. P. van Eyk (Netherlands), 1:07.95.

DIVING: Women's springboard: Final: 1. U. Knape (Sweden), 363.57 pts; 2. L. Kalinina (USSR), 360.27; 3. T. Safonova (USSR), 355.59; 4. H. Becker (E Germany), 351.25; 5. I. Koehler (E Germany), 351.09; 6. A. Hourikson (Sweden), 340.17; 7. K. Koppell (GB), 369.84.

Football

Why Tottenham could be bleating at Carlisle today

By Norman Fox

One of the most popular wishes of those who wanted to see the new football season prosper was for the sight of new faces at the top of the first division. Liverpool cheated a little by replacing the face of Bill Shankly with Bob Paisley and Leeds could claim to have played their part by employing Brian Clough, who, as yet, has failed to win them a game. The authentic new men leading the field in the infancy of the season are Manchester City, Ipswich Town and, surprisingly, Carlisle United.

There are sound reasons why two of these clubs are in such an early strong position. Manchester City have bought wisely and Ipswich are doing no more than most people predicted when they played so excellently last season. A host of the nation's uncommitted spectators would like to see Bobby Robson's Ipswich team win a trophy or two this term. After their fine performances in Europe last season and welcome politeness when abroad, they would make excellent ambassadors for England in next season's European Cup.

But today the eyes are on Carlisle United, high up in the north, who today meet Tottenham Hotspur at Brunton Park—a ground from which football reporters who made occasional treks to see FA Cup ties never failed to report that sheep could still be seen from the grandstand. Carlisle have beaten Chelsea in London and Middlesbrough away, so today brings first division football home for the first time. Alan Ashman, their manager, spent yesterday attempting to talk his players into "not putting on a great show just for the sake of it".

Trying to tell his players not to get "over confident" and "play the game sensibly" makes Mr Ashman sound like a non-league manager priming his side before a cup tie against Leeds, but that is far from the case, and I would not be surprised to see a rather depressed Tottenham team become Carlisle's third victims. Spurs will probably bring back England to help the defence and Pratt may get a game—Chivers will not, still being at loggerheads with the bosses.

Mr Clough could hardly be expected to go out and buy his two former Derby players, McGovern and O'Hare, without playing them as soon as possible, even if few of the Elland Road regulars can believe that these two rank with the established players. Mr Clough relegates Jordan, who was playing for Scotland in the World Cup only two months ago, to substitute and McGovern and O'Hare find places against Birmingham City because Cooper and Bates are left out. O'Hare will be wearing the No 4 shirt in place of Bremner, who is suspended. Hunter comes back after suspension as does Clarke. McKenzie cannot play because of a thigh strain. Mr Clough, as always, prepares for all eventualities by saying: "We are more talented than not to have scored any goals. Birmingham are more talented than to have conceded seven in two games."

Manchester City's promising start may founder at Highbury, where Arsenal are thorny obstacles. After seeing Arsenal's midweek performance against Ipswich, I will risk popularity in north London by saying that a solid defeat might shock them into some positive tactics. Manchester City have Booth returning to defence after injury, but cannot find room for Summerbee, following his suspension. George and Rice return for Arsenal.

Two of last season's promoted clubs, Middlesbrough and Luton Town, confront each other at Ayresome Park. With Faulkner back in the defence after his suspension, Luton may today answer their comedian director Eric Morecambe's request to "bring me sunshine".

After today's programme a more definite pattern should emerge. Ipswich have Lambert and Mills in doubt for a tricky home game with Burnley, but should remain unbeaten. Liverpool could have a few problems against the attractive football of Leicester City, especially as Keegan is suspended and Toshack doubtful because of injury. Everton go to West Ham, who comfortably beat Luton in midweek, but today lose Brooking with a broken nose. And in the second division Martin and McIlroy replace McCalliog and Macari in Manchester United's team for the visit to Millwall.

Four players to appear before committee

By Norman Fox

All four players who had their names taken during the Football Association Charity Shield match at Wembley on August 10, including Keegan, of Liverpool, and Bremner, of Leeds United, who were sent off, will have to appear before a disciplinary committee next Wednesday. Clearly, the FA are intending to show that they realize that millions of people are doubting whether football can overcome its disciplinary problems.

For a time yesterday it seemed that the FA had taken the unprecedented step of ordering a player to appear before them although he had not had his name taken. Clarke, of Leeds United, was included with the others but later Mr Vernon Stokes, the disciplinary commission chairman, said: "On reflection I decided it would not be right to call Clarke before the committee as he was not cautioned during the match. If we called him we would have to call up every player who committed a foul during the Charity Shield game."

The two players who will now appear with Keegan and Bremner are Giles, of Leeds, and Smith, of Liverpool. Neither faces punishment but undoubtedly both will hear the committee's views on what they considered was a damaging afternoon for English football. Ironically, it was probably Clarke's early foul on the Liverpool player, Thompson, for which he was given a verbal warning by the referee, that probably set the unhappy undertone of what was a fine match.

Keegan and Bremner are charged with bringing the game into disrepute by throwing down their shirts as they were sent from the field. They will not contest the charge and asked to appear in order to give explanations of their actions.

Yesterday's results

Fourth division

Cambridge U (2) 2, Workington (0) 0; Lin (2), Stanton (2,817).

RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: Warrington 10, St Helens 16; Widnes v Dewsbury (postponed). Second division: Leigh 15, New Hunslet 13.

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RK: *Worcestershire (18 at Nottinghamshire (5) by ns.*

estershire's flame burns ut it came mighty close g snuffed out at the end of nt fight by Nottingham- batsmen yesterday. To ot so close must have been uraging to Nottinghamshire ad been exciting and invig- to watch. Harris, Sobers, and the rest performed bly, but then, on a good so did Worcestershire's fas- wlers, Holder, Brain and re, and, of course, the slow g of D'Oliveira and Gifford not be forgotten. Thus, the the head of the county cham- ip now is a small one, of points.

weather looked a little un- when Nottinghamshire their innings in the morn- here was a lot of low cloud but it was bright and breezy id with the sun penetrating nd barrier only briefly in ernoon. Sweaters were the the day. Worcestershire an encouraging beginning, re took the first wicket to the morning's second over ottinghamshire's score 20. re's first ball had been a nd his third ball, a shade was smartly pulled over for six by Todd. Todd n for two runs past cover, ged Inchmore's fourth ball wicketkeeper.

an stayed with Harris for t part of an hour, taking the o 69. Then Hassan fell leg to Brain. That brought Sobers and the comments omeone close to our billow- t that it was too cold for to make runs. He was about that, so wrong, for it out half past three before departed the crease with s to his name. This was one of Sobers's farewell appearances, and it was a happy moment for those scattered around the boundaries that they should see something of Sobers at his best.

He came in to warm applause, the best a far flung and tiny gathering could muster, and it spoke volumes, of appreciation, admiration, and gratitude for a unique performance on the cricketing stage. Worcestershire joined in this, though, of course, it was with mixed feelings that they saw him go now.

The partnership between Sobers and Harris assumed proportions the size of which hinted at a second and notable victory in the county championship for Nottinghamshire, rather than the defeat that had seemed to be their likely fate. The pitch was perhaps playing as well as at any time in the match but such was the batsmen's composure that the task before Nottinghamshire, never less than formidable, could be accomplished while these two made their steady advance, and a surprise was clearly visible on the horizon.

Harris's fine innings foundered after a stay on close on four hours. There had been some beautifully timed cover driving, bringing him five splendid boundaries in 74 before one of few balls to misbehave, this one from Holder, took the edge of his bat to rest in D'Oliveira's hands at second slip. That was at 166, when the partnership of two hours 20 minutes was worth 97.

Sobers, having hit a marvellous straight six and seven fours in 58, was out 10 runs later, caught by Yardley, again at slip off Inchmore, and two balls later Inchmore had Smedley caught by Ormrod at forward short leg. One hundred and seventy seven for six; "that" said one local patriot "is definitely the end". How wrong he was, too.

Randall became the sixth wicket to fall at 199, but White had begun to find gaps in the field and the boundaries, and he and Birch brought Nottinghamshire into tea at 206 for six. White 13, Birch six. The target now was 94 runs to win from 25 minutes and the 20 overs in the last hour.

Birch left caught in the deep at square leg with the score 219, and after White had hit about him heartily for 40 he fell leg before to the new ball and Holder. Fifty seven runs were needed now and the first over in the last hour had been bowled. White and Latchman had put on 24 runs. So, to an exciting last act involving Latchman, Stead and Taylor. These three joined in a brave, spirited challenge to make the day Nottinghamshire's, and they so nearly succeeded. Their every stroke was cheered now but as the target became so close as to be reached by a single blow, so Nottinghamshire's hopes were dashed when Taylor was bowled by Brain.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings, 312 (D. L. D'Oliveira 85, J. M. Parker 75, G. M. Turner 64, W. Taylor 5 for 85). Second Innings, 169.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings, 182 (V. A. Holder 5 for 71).

Second Innings

† M. J. Harris, c D'Oliveira, b Holder	74
P. A. Todd, c Wilcock, b Inchmore	15
B. Hassan, l-b-w, b Brain	16
G. Sobers, c Yardley, b Inchmore	58
M. J. Smedley, c Ormrod, b Inchmore	5
D. W. Randall, b Brain	40
R. A. White, l-b-w, b Holder	40
J. D. Birch, c Inchmore, b Gifford	10
H. C. Latchman, not out	27
B. Stead, c Wilcock, b Holder	17
W. Taylor, b Brain	5
Extras (b 3, l-b 9, w 2, n-b 8)	22
Total	294

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—60, 2—60, 3—166, 4—176, 5—177, 6—199, 7—219, 8—247, 9—277, 10—294.

BOWLING: Holder, 25—2—77—3; Brain, 22—2—75—3; Gifford, 28—11—48—1; Inchmore, 14—3—30—3; D'Oliveira, 28—8—45—0.

Umpires: C. Pepper and W. Budd.

Glamorgan v Essex

AT SWANSEA

Essex (8 pts) drew with Glamorgan (5).

GLAMORGAN: First Innings, 188 (A. L. Jones 53; D. L. Acfield 5 for 62).

Second Innings

* A. Jones, c Edmeades, b Hobbs	115
A. L. Jones, c East, b Turner	5
J. A. Hopkins, c Turner, b Acfield	25
D. A. Francis, c McEwan, b East	16
M. J. Llewellyn, b Hobbs	19
† D. J. Lloyd, lb-w, b Acfield	0
T. E. W. Jones, c Turner, b McEwan	66
G. Richards, c Smith, b Boyce	30
A. E. Cordle, lb-w, b Gooch	0
M. A. Nash, c Cooke, b Boyce	36
D. L. Williams, not out	5
Extras (b 4, l-b 1, n-b 15)	20
Total	340

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—6, 2—77, 3—101, 4—126, 5—207, 6—207, 7—261, 8—262, 9—335, 10—340.

BOWLING: Boyce, 20—1—68—1; Turner, 23—5—71—1; Acfield, 36.1—5—91—3; Hobbs, 14—4—40—2; East, 21—5—45—1; Gooch, 7—2—18—1; Cooke, 8—1—37—1; Hardie, 3—0—16—0; McEwan, 0.3—0—0—1.

ESSEX: First Innings, 321 (K. S. McEwan 62, G. A. Gooch 71, G. Turner 118 not out; M. A. Nash 7 for 126).

Umpires: G. Pope and T. Spencer.

Northants v Gloucester

AT NORTHAMPTON

Northamptonshire (16 pts) beat Gloucestershire (4) by 26 runs.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings, 243 (R. M. H. Cottam 62 not out, B. S. Bedi 61; M. J. Procter 4 for 89). Second Innings, 139 (R. T. Virgin 77 not out; R. D. V. Knight 6 for 44).

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings, 102 (R. M. H. Cottam 4 for 31).

Second Innings

A. W. Stovold, l-b-w, b Swinburn	52
R. B. Nicholls, c Virgin, b Cottam	51
D. A. Graveney, c Cook, b Swinburn	0
† A. J. Brassington, c Cook, b Bedi	1
R. D. V. Knight, l-b-w, b Bedi	46
M. J. Procter, c Sharp, b Cottam	52
D. R. Shepherd, c Cook, b Bedi	19
A. J. Hignell, c Cook, b Bedi	3
* A. S. Brown, l-b-w, b Dye	16
J. B. Mortimore, c Sharp, b Cottam	1
J. Davey, not out	3
Extras (l-b 16, w 2, n-b 1)	19
Total	256

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—83, 2—87, 3—102, 4—136, 5—165, 6—211, 7—233, 8—233, 9—248, 10—256.

BOWLING: Cottam, 29—10—49—3; Dye, 14.3—1—52—1; Bedi, 37—12—82—4; Swinburn, 19—6—37—2; Willey, 7—3—17—0.

Umpires: C. S. Elliott and H. Horton.

Leicester v Lancashire

AT LEICESTER

Lancashire (18 pts) beat Leicestershire (5) by an innings and 8 runs.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings, 262 (B. Dudleston 70, N. M. McVicker 51; B. Wood 4 for 74).

Second Innings

B. Dudleston, c Hughes, b Wood	34
J. F. Steele, b Shuttleworth	6
† R. W. Tolchard, l-b-w, b Wood	5
C. D. McKenzie, c Kennedy, b Hughes	80
B. F. Davison, b Lever	4
* R. Illingworth, c Engineer, b Hughes	9
J. H. Hampshire, c Lever, b Wood	10
D. Humphries, c Kennedy, b Simmons	60
P. Booth, c and b Hughes	0
N. M. McVicker, not out	33
K. Higgs, absent hurt	9
Extras (l-b 3, n-b 6)	9
Total	210

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—14, 2—35, 3—54, 4—64, 5—85, 6—100, 7—138, 8—150, 9—210.

BOWLING: Lever, 12—1—41—1; Shuttleworth, 9—1—25—1; Simmons, 20.3—5—51—1; Wood, 15—4—32—3; Hughes, 26—15—49—3.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings, 480 for 6 (A. Kennedy 61, H. Pilling 143, C. H. Lloyd 178 not out).

Umpires: D. Constant and T. Langridge.

Yorkshire v Kent

AT SCARBOROUGH

Yorkshire (6pts) drew with Kent (6).

KENT: First Innings, 279 for 8 (M. C. Cowdrey 122).

Second Innings

* B. W. Luckhurst, c Hampshire, b Nicholson	44
G. W. Johnson, c and b Carrick	14
† D. Nicholls, c Leadbeater, b Carrick	6
C. J. Tavare, b Cope	34
R. A. Woolmer, c Carrick, b Cope	14
M. C. Cowdrey, not out	0
A. Ealham, not out	57
Extras (b 4, l-b 9)	13
Total (5 wkts dec)	236

J. N. Shepherd, C. J. C. Rowe, J. Graham-Brown and J. N. Graham did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—56, 2—67, 3—106, 4—114, 5—114.

BOWLING: Nicholson, 13—6—26—1; Robinson, 17—5—55—0; Cope, 33—11—73—2; Carrick, 34—18—66—2; Hutton, 1—0—5—0.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings, 257 for 7 (B. Leadbeater 99 not out).

Second Innings

* G. Boycott, c Nicholls, b Woolmer	24
R. G. Lumb, c Cowdrey, b Woolmer	43
A. Leadbeater, run out	10
J. H. Hampshire, not out	37
P. J. Sqwires, not out	6
Extras (b 2, l-b 6)	8
Total (3 wkts)	158

R. A. Hutton, † D. L. Bairstow, P. Carrick, G. A. Cope, A. G. Nicholson and A. L. Robinson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—45, 2—93, 3—149.

BOWLING: Graham, 11—1—24—0; Shepherd, 5—2—7—0; Woolmer, 15—2—52—2; Johnson, 13—2—43—0.

Umpires: R. Aspinall and A. Whitehead.

Somerset v Warwick

AT WESTON-SUPER-MARE

Warwickshire (16pts) beat Somerset (8) by two wickets.

SOMERSET: First Innings, 319 (D. J. S. Taylor 95; E. E. Hemmings 4 for 89).

Second Innings

P. M. Roebuck, l-b-w, b Rouse	0
† D. J. S. Taylor, l-b-w, b Rouse	11
P. W. Denning, l-b-w, b Rouse	0
V. A. Richards, b Rouse	22
* B. C. Close, st Murray, b Hemmings	31
J. M. Parks, l-b-w, b Bourne	61
C. J. Barnett, b Brown	67
I. J. Botham, c Jameson, b Brown	1
B. A. Langford, c Jameson, b Bourne	0
H. R. Moseley, c Murray, b Bourne	2
A. A. Jones, not out	0
Extras (b 8, l-b 1, n-b 1)	7
Total	202

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—0, 2—0, 3—33, 4—36, 5—111, 6—184, 7—187, 8—190, 9—202, 10—202.

BOWLING: Brown, 9.5—2—33—2; Rouse 12—4—26—4; Bourne, 16—4—43—3; A. Smith, 7—1—8—0; Hemmings, 10—3—38—1; Gardam, 9—1—38—0; Jameson, 3—0—6—0.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings, 240 for 9 (B. K. Gardam 67).

Second Innings

J. A. Jameson, c Richards, b Botham	44
R. N. Abberley, c Parks, b Langford	36
† D. L. Murray, l-b-w, b Jones	44
M. J. K. Smith, c Taylor, b Jones	25
A. C. Kallicharran, c Parks, b Burgess	39
B. K. Gardam, c Close, b Moseley	12
E. E. Hemmings, c Richards, b Burgess	6
W. A. Bourne, b Jones	15
S. J. Rouse, not out	33
* A. C. Smith, not out	20
Extras (b 8, l-b 9, w 2, n-b 13)	32
Total (8 wkts)	305

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—68, 2—113, 3—160, 4—183, 5—223, 6—227, 7—248, 8—248.

BOWLING: Jones, 18.3—3—84—3; Moseley, 25—8—64—1; Burgess, 17—2—60—3; Botham, 10—4—21—1; Langford, 19—7—38—1; Close, 4—0—6—0.

Umpires: P. B. Wight and B. J. Meyer.

Northamptonshire keep up their challenge

hamptonshire boosted their s of finishing second in the with their eighth win of the against Gloucestershire at mpton. Gloucestershire lismissed for 256 and their e wickets fell for 45 after id seemed to be in a promis- sition at luncheon.

Northamptonshire attack too good with Bedi taking or 82, Cottam three for 49 Swinburn two for 37. stershire began patiently in rning with Nicholls getting 204 minutes. Then there me bright hitting by Knight nd Procter (52). Procter hit and nine fours and with erd (19) put on 48 for the wicket. But then the later s tumbled quickly in the ion and Northamptonshire y 26 runs.

tshire and Kent took six points each from a match prematurely by rain and bad at Scarborough, where the remained to the end entirely our of the batsmen. Kent in second innings were largely ed to an unbroken sixth

first innings century and Ealham reached 62 before Kent declared, to set Yorkshire a target of 261.

The tempo early on was not adequate, but after both opening batsmen, Boycott and Lumb, had been dismissed for 92, forceful measures by Hampshire and Leadbeater gave Yorkshire just an outside chance of victory. They needed 121 at the start of the final 20 overs, but when 18 had been scored from the first four of them, rain and bad light ended the match.

The weight of Lancashire's 480 runs was too much for Leicestershire and they were beaten by an innings at Leicester. Leicestershire needed 218 to make Lancashire bat again and they fell only eight short of this target. McKenzie hit six fours in his first 50 of the season, but the scene was stolen by the 20-year-old Shropshire lad, David Humphries, the reserve wicketkeeper.

Having bagged a pair in his previous game against Somerset—his first in the competition—he scored a maiden 50 in 90 minutes with eight boundaries. The catch at long leg which dismissed him for 60 ended the match. Higgs being unable to bat owing to a groin strain.

A splendid unfinished stand of 57 in 50 minutes between Rouse and Alan Smith took Warwickshire to exciting victory over Somerset by two wickets with 3.3 overs to spare at Weston-super-mare. On a dry, slightly wearing pitch, Somerset quickly lost their last four wickets, so that Warwickshire's target was 302 in 325 minutes.

County championship

	P	W	L	D	Big	Big	Pts
Hants (1)	17	10	3	4	47	62	209
Worcester (6)	18	10	5	3	34	54	206
Northants (3)	18	8	2	8	35	59	182
Somerset (10)	17	7	3	7	45	62	164
Surrey (2)	18	6	2	10	46	54	154
Middx (13)	17	7	4	6	40	51	151

SPORT

Racing

Pitcairn difficult to contain on Newbury running

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

In the absence of Habat the Goodwood Mile today ought to be won by *Pitcairn, who is* trained not far from the course, at Arundel, by John Dunlop. This was to have been *the third clash* between Habat and Pitcairn. Habat came out on top in both of their previous *encounters but on* returning from York his trainer, Peter Walwyn, found that Habat had possibly become a trifle jarred through his shoulders, conceivably during his last important *gallop, so he wisely decided* not to risk him on ground that has dried and become firm.

Habat's withdrawal has reduced the field to three and inevitably undermined interest in the race. Only Gloss and General Vole are left *opposing Pitcairn.* Gloss finished a length and a half in front of Pitcairn in the Sussex Stakes here in July, but it seems *Pitcairn was not at his best then.* Dunlop issued a warning before that race, saying that he was not convinced that Pitcairn had recovered completely from the virus that prevented him from running in the Derby, but that he would take his chance all the same. *In fact, Pitcairn started slowly for* the Sussex Stakes and was unable to adopt his usual front-running role. He ran well to finish sixth.

Pitcairn has won the Hungerford Stakes, at Newbury in the meantime, looking much more like his old self. In that frame of mind he will be difficult to contain this afternoon. It was over the course and the distance of today's race that General Vole won the Charlton Handicap here in July. *Ridden* by Lester Piggott, as he will be again this afternoon, General Vole won so easily that anyone could have been forgiven had they thought that he had 8 st 5 lb on his back as opposed to 9 st 5 lb. *Yet the form book contains* evidence supporting the view that General Vole is the equal of another three-year-old, Estaminet. I would back *Pitcairn to beat* Estaminet and I expect him to beat General Vole.

Today's programme at Goodwood also embraces two races sponsored by Globtik Tankers Ltd whose man at the helm, Ravi Tikkoo, has already won *the Gimcrack* at York this week; the Chesterfield Cup and the March Stakes, both good races in their own right. The Globtik Necklace Handicap, for women riders, may be won by Pitcairn's stable companion Daniel, who is not penalised for winning a race for apprentices at Newbury a week ago.

With the future in mind the Globtik Stakes, for two-year-old fillies, promises to be much more enlightening. The distance is seven furlongs and this should suit Polygamy's younger sister. One Over Parr, who made a successful start to her racing career when she won her first and only race so far at Ascot in July. Dun Habit is also unbeaten. Piggott will be on Indian Question who has already had three victories. Her form looked even better yesterday after Phlox, the filly that she beat at Windsor, won the Ladbroke Nursery, at Goodwood.

Our Newmarket Correspondent is of the opinion that Amigo, owned by Gwen Murless and trained by her husband Noel, will also make her presence felt. There was much to like about the way that she won her last race at Nottingham, but I am hoping to see One Over Parr assert herself again. *Being out of Seventh Bride*, her name has an historical overtone and not, as some might think hearing it for the first time, a link with golf. Piggott will be on Hail the Pirates an Irish colt of American extract, in the Chesterfield Cup.

Although Hail the Pirates is trained in co. Tipperary by Vincent O'Brien three of his four races this season have been in this country. He finished third in both the Earl of Sefton Stakes, at Newmarket, and the Prince of Wales Stakes, at Royal Ascot, but only sixth in the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown Park. His class is obviously a *factor, but I still cannot help* wondering whether even he is capable of giving 2st all but 1lb to Alaska Highway who has certainly come good during the past five weeks, winning first at Ripon, then again at Redcar and finally at Haydock Park.

Meon Hill, fourth behind Bustino, Snow Night and Understudy in the Classic Trial at Sandown Park in April, and fourth again in the Derby Trial at Lingfield Park in May, is preferred to Duke of Marmalade, Abide With Me, Crash Course and Clandestino for the March Stakes. With Jupiter Pluvius retired for the season, Meon Hill could emerge as Bruce Hobbs's candidate for the St Leger.

Estaminet to keep up Murless's record

By Jim Snow
Northern Racing Correspondent

The three-day meeting at York provided many unexpected results, but perhaps the biggest surprise *was that Noel Murless failed to* win any of the 19 races. He had fewer runners than usual at what *is his favourite course* and it was only by a dozen inches that his filly, Mil's Bomb, was beaten by *Dibidale* in the Yorkshire Oaks on Tuesday.

Today, in Newcastle's sponsored £5,000 Northern Goldsmiths Handicap, Noel Murless saddles Estaminet to carry 10 st in this valuable mile handicap for three-year-olds. Murless has had many successes at Gosforth Park, and three weeks ago his fine, big filly Asterina won the £4,000 Seaton Delaval Stakes, Newcastle's most valuable two-year-old race.

Few meetings at Newcastle go by without a Murless runner, and in 1954, 1955 and 1956 he won the Northumberland Plate with Friseur, Little Cloud, and Jardiniere, a feat which no other trainer has accomplished in the long history of that famous two-mile handicap.

*Estaminet is a high class three-*year-old, and on July 20, his last appearance, he won a mile handicap at Newbury under 9 st 10 lb from Summer Knave. The one who may trouble him most in the last furlong may be Himawari, a most consistent and genuine three-year-old, who has had plenty of racing this season and seems to [illegible] on it.

Himawari has won three times *in her last six appearances, and,* [illegible] st 5 lb, receives 9 lb from Estaminet, who carries a 6 lb penalty for his Newbury victory. It might be that this penalty will prove just too much for Murless's colt. But, Estaminet has been running well throughout the season, and even with his extra 6 lb I expect him to win from Himawari.

Edward Hide may have to put *up a pound or two overweight* to ride Troopette at 7st 12lb in the Armada Nursery Handicap. The filly was unplaced in her last race after winning smoothly at Catterick Bridge, and from her low mark in the handicap she may be *good enough to win for her owner* and breeder, Lord Zetland.

Hide has a good chance of winning the other two-year-old race at Newcastle, the Sandgate Stakes, on Incensed. The extremely successful and polished National Hunt jockey John O'Neill, who made such an impact in 1973/74, and started off with three winners at Market Rasen recently, might be well there at the finish of the Newgate Stakes on Gordon Richards's Nan's Gem. He can do 9st 7lb and I give Nan's Gem slight *preference over Jeremy Hindley's* much fancied Knight of Medina.

STATE OF GOING (official): Goodwood: Good to firm. Windsor: Good to firm. Hereford: Firm. Market Rasen: Good. Cartmel: Good. Newmarket: Good to firm. Epsom (Monday): Good to firm. Chepstow (Monday): Good on straight course: Good to *firm on* round course. Warwick (Monday): Good to firm. Ripon: Good to firm. Wolverhampton: Good to firm on straight course: firm remainder. Newton Abbot: Good to firm. Southwell: Good to firm. Huntingdon: Firm. Plumpton: Good.

Buoy can accomplish hard task

From Pierre Guillot
French Racing Correspondent

Deauville, Aug 23

One of the most consistent horses in training, Buoy, has an excellent chance of winning the Grand Prix de Deauville on Sunday, the closing day of the seaside meeting. Fourth in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes, five and a half *lengths behind* Dahlia, he carries the maximum penalty of 8 lb. He has to give 3 lb to Card King and 6 lb to On My Way, both of whom have excellent chances of beating him on the form book, but Joe Mercer's mount has put up so many game performances this year that he looks capable of the task.

Card King, a tough horse, who *will be contesting this race* for the fourth successive year, won it last year in the hands of William Carson. He has run well in many of Europe's top races and has been ridden by almost every leading jockey. On Sunday it is the turn of Lester Piggott, who last took the mount two years ago, finishing fifth to Novius in this race, and unplaced in the Prix du Conseil *Municipal.*

If racing were a simple matter of figures, Buoy would stand no chance with On My Way. This *American bred was beaten only a* neck by Dahlia in the Grand Prix de St Cloud on July 7, but other horses with inferior form also finished close up that day and the result must be disregarded. Dahlia had made great improvement by the end of the month and the St Cloud form has no more meaning than her four and a half lengths defeat by Buoy in the Coronation Cup.

Sharing top place in the weights is Buoy's former stable companion Admetus. He was transferred to John Cunnington, junior, in the winter and has since won four of *his seven races.* He was running on too late last week when fourth to Ksar in the Prix Gontaut-Biron. Carrying the maximum penalty he may *have found* that mile and a quarter a little short for him, and should be much happier over the extra three and a half furlongs.

When Admetus won the Grand Prix d'Evry over one furlong less *in May,* he gave 4 lb to On My Way, who finished third, and beat him two and a half lengths. His most recent victory was in the Prix Maurice de Nieuil on July 14, when he defeated Acacio D'Aguilar and Ashmore, and he should again have the beating of Ashmore.

Admetus and On My Way look the main dangers to Buoy. Significantly Noel Pelat has booked Yves Saint-Martin for the last-named. Of the others, Card King has always done best for strong and should benefit from P handling. Anthi, Ashmore The Abbott should all run Third to Card King here las Anthi was off the course running fourth to Ragstone Gold Cup, until scoring a fortable victory in the Grar de Vichy a fortnight ago. A and The Abbott are both ing young stayers.

Buoy's rider, Joe Mercer, also go close to winning o boy in tomorrow's principal the Prix Quincey. Run o straight mile, it has attra strong field of eight. Boldi not run since starting fa and finishing a well beaten to Sartramer in the July C fore that he had also disap when fourth to El Rastro Prix de la Porte Maillot.

PRIX QUINCEY (Group III: £9,091: 1m)

11-1144	Boldboy, W. Hern, 4-9-6		J.
0-10012	El Toro, J. Audon, 4-9-4		
10-0024	Pebblebrook, J. E. Cunnington, 4-9-4		J.
01-2373	Gay Style, M. Clement, 4-9-3		G.
0-24220	Faked Diplomat, R. Armstrong, 4-9-0		Sa
0-10310	L'Inconnu, M. Bonaventure, 4-8-9		
4-1100	Schoeller, G. Watson, 4-8-9		M.
01-3141	Lilay, A. Penna, 4-8-9		Y. Sa

9-4 *El Toro*, 11-4 *Lilay*, 4-1 *Boldboy*, 5-1 Gay Style, 8-1 Schoeller, Pebblebrook. 25-1 others

GRAND PRIX DE DEAUVILLE (Group II: £22,727: 1m *110 yds*)

211214	Buoy, W. Hern, 4-9-8		
234210	Beau Charmeur, A. Both, 4-9-8		Y. S
11211	Admetus, J. Cunnington, Jnr, 4-9-8		M.
14-4040	Card King, E. Bartholomew, 4-9-5		
4-13222	On My Way, N. Pelat, 4-9-0		Y. Sa
010002	Second Watch, A. Adam, 4-9-0		
020040	Carvyl, R. Pelat, 4-9-0		G.
031212	Campo Maro, H. Van de Poele, 6-9-0		
0-10341	Anthi, A. Head, 4-9-0		
221230	Spurling, A. Head, 5-9-0		
013142	Le Bavard, M. Bonaventure, 3-8-5		
311003	Un Kopeck, J. Cunnington, Jnr, 3-8-5		J.
-11231	Ramirez, F. Bourlin, 3-8-5		
0-43231	Coast of Mourne, G. Bridgland, 3-8-5		G.
34-0111	The Abbott, E. Bartholomew, 3-8-3		
21-4031	Ashmore, A. Penna, 3-8-3		
40-11	Tapan, J. de Chambrusky, 3-8-0		G.
314042	Ambrailla, J. Beaume, 3-8-0		J. P.

3-1 On My Way, 5-1 Admetus, Buoy, 8-1 Ashmore and Tapan (coupled), Anthi and Sparring (coupled), 12-1 Card King and Second Watch, 14-1 Le Bavard, 16-1 Ramirez, The Abbott. 20-1 Un Kopeck, 33-1 Ambrailla, Moro, 50-1 others.

Goodwood programme

[Television (BBC 1): 2.15, 3.20 and 3.50 races]

1.45 DRAWING ROOM STAKES (2-y-o : £998. 5f)

3	4	Bold and Fast, J. Dunlop, 9-0	Ron Hutchinson	9
5		La Dauphin, G. Harwood, 9-0	G. Ramshaw	4
10	-	*Turk W. Wightman*, 9-0	P. Cook	8
12	0	Flowers of Spring, H. Cottrill, 8-11	A. Murray	6
15	000	French Pearl, W. Wightman, 8-11	A. Kimberley	7
16	0	Gliding, N. Murless, 8-11	P. Eddery	3
17		Hedonist, G. Hunter, 8-11	M. Ketuli	5
13	0	Western Midsummer, Mrs Nagle, 8-11	G. Baxter	2
20		Worth a Vote, E. Reavey, 8-11		1

4-1 Bold and Fast, 5-2 Gliding, 9-2 Le Dauphin, 7-1 Turk, 8-1 Flowers of Spring, 12-1 Hedonist, 16-1 others.

2.15 GOODWOOD MILE (Group III : £4,321 : 1m)

1	120004	Gloss (D), T. Corbett, 4-9-2	P. Eddery	3
4	1-30211	General Vole (CD), R. Jarvis, 3-8-8	L. Piggott	5
7	22-1131	Pitcairn, J. Dunlop, 3-8-8	Ro. Hutchinson	6

4-5 Pitcairn, 11-8 General Vole, 8-1 Gloss.

2.50 GLOBTIK NECKLACE HANDICAP (£1,634 : 1m)

3	441430	Crescendo (D), W. Marshall, 3-9-0	Miss L. Goodwill	5
4	040-012	Kwang Su, Thomson Jones, 3-8-13		6
6	0-11002	Rustic Lad, J. Hindley, 3-8-12	Mrs A. Cousins	2
10	002004	Hush Money (CD), J. Ingham, 4-8-6	Miss B. Sanders	7
11	0-001	Major Tory, A. Turnell, 5-8-5	Miss J. Pearn	8
15	023243	Swagman (D), H. Smyth, 7-8-1	Mrs J. Gibson	9
14	40-3301	Daniel (C), J. Dunlop, 9-8-1	Mrs J. Woolfenden	3
16	30-1133	Breezy Boy (CD), J. O'Neill, 5-8-0	Mrs E. Mellor	4
17	02-3024	Cwm Castell, W. Wharton, 4-8-0	Miss S. Hogan	1

3-1 Daniel, 4-1 *Hush Money*, 9-2 *Rustic Lad*, 11-2 *Kwang Su*, 7-1 *Major Tory*, 8-1 Breezy Boy, 10-1 Swagman, 12-1 others.

3.20 GLOBTIK STAKES (2-y-o fillies : £2,544 : 7f)

1	114	Kalamegdan, I. Balding, 8-11	P. Cook	6
2		One Over Parr, W. Walwyn, 8-11	P. Eddery	3
5	41	Amigo, N. Murless, 8-8	A. Barclay	5
4	1	Dun Habit, B. van Cutsem, 8-8	Ron Hutchinson	7
8	0111	Indian Question (D), R. Cecil, 8-8	L. Piggott	2
9	132223	Tebaldi, M. Price, 8-8	A. Murray	1
		Albonica, B. Hobbs, 8-3	G. Baxter	4

9-4 Indian Question, 100-30 Amigo, 7-2 One Over Parr, 6-1 Dun Habit, Kalamegdan, 12-1 Tebaldi, 16-1 Albonica.

3.50 CHESTERFIELD CUP HANDICAP (£2,640 : 1½m)

1	41-3130	Hail the Pirates (D), M. O'Brien, 4-10-0	L. Piggott	7
5	10-1320	Funny Man (D), J. Dunlop, 4-9-6	G. Baxter	4
4	101200	Tudor Rhythm (D), P. Walwyn, 4-9-5	P. Eddery	3
3	11-2300	Bright Fire (D), H. Slaughter, 6-9-4	J. Matthias	6
2	1-22102	Jumabout (D), J. Sutcliffe Jun., 4-8-12	A. Murray	2
9	002214	Glenway (D), A. Breasley, 4-8-10	S. Cottle	8
10	0000000	Redundant, C. Britain, 5-8-7	A. Barclay	9
11	004130	Trequair, J. Dunlop, 5-8-5	Ron Hutchinson	1
15	020111	Alaska Highway (D), R. Jarvis, 5-8-1	M. Thomas	5

7-2 Jumabout, 4-1 Hail the Pirates, 5-1 Trequair, 7-1 Funny Man, Tudor Rhythm, 8-1 Alaska Highway, 10-1 Bright Fire, 12-1 Glenroy, 20-1 Redundant.

4.20 MARCH STAKES (3-y-o : £2,420 : 1¼m)

3	21-2221	Abide With Me (D), M. Stoute, 8-11	P. Cook	6
4	302-1	Sasa, J. Dunlop, 9-11	P. Eddery	5
5	0-120	Crash Course, J. Hindley, 8-11	A. Kimberley	2
6	0-1321	Duke of Marmalade, R. Armstrong, 8-11	L. Piggott	1
8	1240-44	Meon Hill, B. Hobbs, 8-11	A. Murray	4

11-8 Duke of Marmalade, 5-2 Meon Hill, 9-2 Abide With Me, 15-2 Crash Course, 10-1 Clandestino.

4.50 AUGUST HANDICAP (£1,215 : 6f)

5	023023	Balidon, G. Harwood, 4-9-0	G. Baxter	4
4	003430	Parbleu (CD), S. Morant, 8-8-13	A. Kimberley	5
6	20-2100	Western Run (D), R. Armstrong, 4-8-9	L. Piggott	1
9	102100	Maxi's Taxi (CD), M. Masson, 4-8-7		3
11	0-04401	Gold Nickel (D), L. Hall, 5-8-3	D. McKay	2
13	430100	Birdie Two (D), C. Mitchell, 4-7-7	T. Carter	8

5-2 Gold Nickel, 5-1 Balidon, 7-2 Parbleu, 11-2 Maxi's Taxi, 13-2 Western Run 12-1 Birdie Two

Goodwood selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
1.45 Bold and Fast. 2.15 Pitcairn. 2.50 Daniel. 3.20 One Over Parr. 3.50 Alaska Highway. 4.20, *Meon Hill*. 4.50, *Gold Nickel*.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.45 Flowers of Spring. 2.15 General Vole. 2.50 Rustic Lad. 3.20 Amigo. 3.50 Alaska Highway. 4.20 Crash Course.

Newcastle programme

[Television (IBA): 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 and 3.0 races]

1.30 GALLOWGATE STAKES (3-y-o : £513 : 6f)

2	003210	Cornedo's Boy, K. Payne, 9-8	J. Lappin	1
3	440000	Mr. Masscida (D), K. Whitehead, 8-5	T. Gray	10
4	400032	Cannie Cassie, C. Bell, 9-0	J. Skilling	5
6	000003	Cherry Wall, K. Payne, 8-9	J. Curant	9
8	0-00034	Donnachant, W. Gray, 8-9	E. Apter	3
9	000000	Ivy House, R. C. Ward, 8-9	P. Lewis	6
9	0-040y.	Little Big Shot, T. Craig, 8-9	S. Salmon	2
10	4-00420	Olive Blue, M. W. Easterby, 8-9	G. Cadwaladr	8
11	00-0000	Ormonde Sovereign, J. W. Watts, 8-9	E. Hide	7
12	040-000	Star-Stone, J. Muthall, 8-9	G. Lewis	11
13	0-00000	Young Crosby, J. Calvert, 8-9	S. Freeman	7 10

11-4 Olive Blue, 100-30 Cornedo's Boy, 4-1 Little Big Shot, 9-2 Cannie Cassie, 8-1 Cherry Wall, 10-1 Ormonde Sovereign, 12-1 others.

2.0 NEWGATE STAKES (3-y-o : £590 : 1¼m 60yds)

1	003413	Nan's Gem, G. Richards, 9-7	J. O'Neill	3
9		Dug Comedian, W. J. Stephenson, 8-11	G. Welsh	1
11	00-0000	Harmat, I. Jordon, 8-11	O. Gray	5
16	000000	Ring Dove, Denys Smith, 8-11	P. Kelleher	4

1-8 Nan's Gem, 13-2 Ring Dove, 12-1 others.

2.30 ARMADA HANDICAP (2-y-o : £890 : 5f)

3	221342	Bello Baletta (D), K. Payne, 8-8	J. Curant	3
5	024220	Silver Mint, M. W. Easterby, 8-3	M. Birch	6
4	40210	Robin John (D), T. Fairhurst, 7-13	S. Webster	1
11	10	Troopette (D), J. W. Watts, 7-13	E. Hide	5
12	000204	*The Ings*, J. Calvert, 7-11	S. Freeman	7
15	400020	Bliss, D. Carr, 7-7	A. Horrocks	4
16	221	Just A Touch (CD), D. Williams, 7-2	S. Salmon	8

2-1 Bello Baletta, 5-2 Troopette, 7-2 Just a Touch, 11-2 Silver Tinkle, 10-1 Robin John, 12-1 others.

3.0 NORTHERN GOLDSMITHS' HANDICAP (3-y-o : £3,909 : 1m)

1	0-23101	Estaminet (D), N. Murless, 10-0	G. Lewis	1
2	142112	Himawari (D), R. Houghton, 9-5	F. Morby	2
4	100241	Kings Bonus (D), R. Hollinshead, 9-0	T. Ives	6
5	231023	Whistling Shaft (D), G. W. Gordon, 8-13	B. Taylor	3
6	2112l4	Cove, (D), M. H. Easterby, 8-10	A. Murray	4
8	210404	Double River (C), E. Carr, 8-1	M. Gorcham	7
9	113413	Westport Rd, D. Peacock, 7-12	S. Salmon	5
10	401320	Connecticut, T. Craig, 7-8	K. Lucas	8

11-10 Estaminet, 5-2 Himawari, 8-1 Kings Bonus, 10-1 Cove, 14-1 Whistling Shaft, Double River, 16-1 others.

3.30 BLACKGATE HANDICAP (£847 : 1¼m)

1	400230	Tom Noddy, L. Shedden, 5-8-9	E. Hide	2
3	122110	Record Run (D), G. W. Gordon, 3 8-6	B. Taylor	7
5	400003	*Brigant*, T. Fairhurst, 3-8-3	A. Cousins	1
4	342100	Fiery Cola (D), D. Williams, 4-8-3	F. Morby	5
7	210214	Longonot (D), S. Hall, 4-7-7	S. Salmon	5
12	003300	Kings Comet (CD), J. Calvert, 4-7-7	A. Horrocks	4
15	000-10	Gleaming Flight (D), J. Ormston, 4-7-7	C. Eccleston	6

9-4 Longonot, 5-2 Record Run, 3-1 Tom Noddy, 6-1 Brigant, 9-1 Fiery Cola, 10-1 others.

4.0 SANDGATE STAKES (2-y-o colts : £772 : 6f)

1	04	Abercorn, E. Collingwood, 9-0	B. Connorton	6
2	00	Banker's Security, Denys Smith, 9-0	P. Kelleher	3
3	00	Continuest, T. Darling, 9-0	G. Lewis	4
8		Hard River, I. Jordon, 9-0	J. Skilling	1
9	002230	Incensed, L. Shedden, 9-0	E. Hide	11
10	00	Keith's Fridge, E. Collingwood, 9-0	O. Gray	5
11	0000	Moss Gate, S. Nesbitt, 9-0	G. Carr Black	12
12	0	Nevertire, S. Hall, 9-0	M. Gorcham	7
15	4	Prince Lauso, W. A. Stephenson, 9-0	T. Kelsey	9
17	02	Rhoda Prince, K. Payne, 9-0	T. Lappin	8
22	00	* Summer Blessed, M. H. Easterby, 9-0		2
24	0440	Welsh Treaty, G. P-Gordon, 9-0	B. Taylor	10

9-4 Welsh Treaty, 11-4 Rhonda Prince, 7-2 Prince Lauso, 6-1 Incensed, 10-1 Abercorn, 12-1 Nevertire, 14-1 others.

4.30 WESTGATE STAKES (2-y-o fillies : £590 : 5f)

2	4	Blessseen, J. Winter, 8-11	B. Taylor	5
3	00	Bonnie Virginia, Denys Smith, 8-11	P. Kelleher	6
4	00	Careless Hands, S. Nesbitt, 8-11	B. Connorton	9
5	2	Cornage, J. Etherington, 8-11	L. Brown	7
6	0	Gala Noon, D. Holmes, 8-11	C. Eccleston	1
8	0	Lush Gold, W. M. Easterby, 8-11	M. Birch	2
9		Moon Lily, J. W. Watts, 8-11	E. Hide	10
11	22004	Nashville Lady, K. Payne, 8-11	J. Curant	4
12	000	Privy Court, R. Hollinshead, 8-11	T. Ives	8
14		Tal Mahal, S. Hall, 8-11	G. Lewis	3

5-2 Blessseen, 11-4 Cornage, 9-2 Lush Gold, 6-1 Moon Lily, 8-1 Tal Mahal, 13-1 *Nashville Lady*, *Bonnie Virginia* 16-1 *others*.

* Doubtful runner.

Newcastle selections

By Our Northern Correspondent
1.30 Cannie Cassie. 2.0 Nan's Gem. 2.30 Troopette. 3.0 ESTAMINET is specially recommended. 3.30 Longonot. 4.0 Incensed. 4.30 Blessseen.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
3.0 Estaminet. 3.30 *Record Run*. 4.30 Blessseen.

Hereford selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.0 Hard Cash. 2.30 Rally Driver. 3.0 South Quay. 3.30 Ross Royal. 4.0 La Chica. 4.30 Story Teller.

Cartmel selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.0 Mowenko. 2.35 Gay Como. 3.10 Weswyn. 3.45 Treble Kay. 4.20 Huffy Back. 4.55 Glenkiln.

Hereford NH programme

2.0 NOVICES STEEPLECHASE (£170: 2m)

2	000004-	Gypsecloud, 7-11-9	Mr N. Brookes	5
3	30s-43-0	Tantina, 6-11-9	J. Bourke	
5	0200-	Tex, 8-11-9	C. Asbury	
7	1000-07	Hard Cash, 5-11-2	R. Evans	
8	0-00-22	Wigley Marine, 5-11-2	M. Salaman	

5-4 *Hard Cash*, 2-1 *Mighty Marine*, 6-1 Tantina, 8-1 Tex. 20-1 Gypsecloud.

2.30 TARRINGTON HURDLE (Handicap: £272: 2m)

7	030003-	Rally Driver (D), 7-10-5	M. Gibson	
9	202210-	The Songwriter, 5-10-3		
10	2011-04	Lord Lear (CD), 7-10-0	J. Williams	
12	401300-	Space Boy (CD), 5-10-0	R. Dickin	6
16	430-213	Phillidon (CD), 7-10-0		
17	01-7	Kellator (D), 5-10-0	R. Evans	

7-4 Phillidon, 3-1 Rally Driver, 4-1 Kellator, 6-1 The Songwriter, 8-1 Lord Lear, 10-1 Space Boy.

3.0 FEGENTRI TROPHY HURDLE (Handicap: £340: 2½m)

1	402s00-	Long Quest, 5-12-7	Mr W. Sheedy	7
3	332P12-	Sandwilan, 6-11-5	Lord Oaksey	
5	00000-0	Pearlyric (b), 9-11-7	Mr R. Page	4
6	0032-00	Hellobella, 5-10-7	Mr R. Linley	7
10	pr00-0	Hazardaade, 5-10-0	Mr J. Keen	1
12	p0000-	Gaelic Coffee, 7-10-0	Mr N. Brookes	5

11-8 South Quay, 5-2 Sandwilan, 4-1 Pearlyric, 8-1 Hellobella, 16-1 others.

3.30 MALVERN STEEPLECHASE (£340: 2m)

1	f1144-	Eselb (D), 7-11-6	Mr S. Parkyn	5
3	b1413-2	Napoleon (D), 7-11-5	B. Davies	
5	1f13-0P	Fulgens Forcas, 6-11-4	Mr R. Page	
4	60-3	Latan Furze (C), 7-11-2	R. Champion	
5	f0p-f04	Super Phoenix (D), 8-10-7	J. Suthern	
6	fp424-0	Cwrt Bleddyn (CD), 7-10-6	M. Salaman	
7	340434-	Ross Royal (D), 6-10-4	A. Mawson	
8	ppp0-f2	Thundersay (CD), 7-10-1	M. Gibson	3
9	0u-420	Rosebrook (D), 8-10-0	J. Cook	

6-1 Napoleon, 3-1 Latan Furze, 4-1 Thundersay, 11-2 Frozen Forecast, 8-1 Cwrt Bleddyn, 12-1 others.

4.0 NOVICES' HURDLE (Handicap: £170: 2m)

1	304ffp-	Shavington, 6-11-4	J. Bishop	
2	0000f-4	Manor House, 5-11-4	K. B. White	
3	0p-2	Le Blanc, 5-11-0	G. Dalziell	5
4	400-	Delamerle, 4-11-5	G. Thorner	
7		Modern Archery, 7-11-2	Mr S. Parkyn	3
8	00-0	Queens Fable, 11-0	C. Jackson	
9	0p-	Press On, 5-11-0	P. Morris	
6	000-0	Solitus, 5-10-9	B. R. Davies	
10	0p00-03	Mr Bojangles, 4-10-9	J. Williams	
11		March Rise, 5-10-5	W. J. Shoemark	
12	0000-30	Blaway, 6-10-5	Mr J. Kerley	
13	30-0	Dashwoods, 4-10-0	Mr H. Evans	7
14	00p0-	Dun Ulsdean, 4-10-0	A. Knight	4
15	0f00ff-	Kalamitosa, 5-10-0	R. Dickin	3

Evens La Chica, 7-2 Mr Bojangles, 9-2 Manor House, 6-1 Delamerle, 10-1 Blaway, 20-1 others.

4.30 YOUNG ENTRY HURDLE (3-y-o : £204 : 2m)

1		Bechet, 11-5	R. Dicken	
4		Dark Seal, 11-5		
7	00	Fob, 11-5	Mr R. Linley	7
		French Rose, 11-5	J. King	
8	0	John William, 11-5	R. Evans	
0	0	Moon Money, 11-5	P. Kelleway	
13		Prince Bean, 11-5	A. Mawson	
14		Riffletta, 11-5	K. Maguire	
15		Sharumpa, 11-5	L. Suthern	
16	0	Short Sale, 11-5	B. McNally	
17	02	Story Teller, 11-5	R. Champion	
18	s	Tarragona, 11-5	F. Collings	
20	0	Track Suit, 11-5	R. Hamilton	
21	p	Warrior Dr, 11-5	M. James	

4-6 Story Teller, 4-1 Bechet, 6-1 Track Suit, 10-1 Prince Bean, 12-1 French Rose, 20-1 others.

Hereford NH results

2.15 (2.16) BEAUFORT HANDICAP (3-y-o: £674: 7f)

Solitoun, b f, by Tycoon II—Solvilla (Mr S. Hoddinott), 7-7	D. McKay (85-40 fav)		1
Carlets, b c, by Comshaw—Dormona (Col Sir D. Clague), 7-12	D. Cullen (11-2)		2
Twilight Fortune, b f, by Hook Money—Orchidaceous (Mr J. Edwards), 8-11	F. Durr (12-1)		3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 Off Games, 13-2 Bullwhip, Melody Master (4th), 7-1 Avon Royale, 10-1 Reno's Prince, Country Lass, 9 ran.

TOTE: Win, 35p; places, 18p, 17p, 35p; dual forecast, 77p. L. Hall, at Winchester. Sl. Sl. 1mln 37.58sec. Winner bought in for 1,100 guineas.

2.45 (3.46) GIRTON MAIDEN PLATE (2-y-o: £690: 5f)

Magnum Force, b c, by Lord Gayle—Las Quevas (Mrs K. Weigtag), 9-0	L. Piggott (8-15)		1
Anglian, gr c, by Frankincense—Runsara (Mr D. Prenn), 9-0	P. Madden (7-1)		2
Rare Ground, b f, by Grounded—Rarotonga (Mr L. Allen), 8-11	P. Durr (33-1)		3

ALSO RAN: 10-1 Filmgate, Windy Treaty, 14-1 Great Firefly (4th), Mars Cutler, 33-1 Chaplin, Pmay, 9 ran.

TOTE: Win, 13p; places, 11p, 17p, 30p; dual forecast, 81p. R. Armstrong, at Newmarket. 1½l, 1l. 1min 0.22sec.

3.15 (3.17) BERESFORD HANDICAP (3-y-o: £927: 1¼m)

Portepee, b f, by Porto Bello—Penian (Mrs S. McCloy), 7-10	M. L. Thomas (6-1)		1
Amicable, br f, by Bold Ruler—Cap and Bells (Mr R. Colpin), 8-6	L. Piggott (11-4)		2
Miss Mattie, br f, by Hill Clown—Monashka (Mr J. Eastwood), 7-13	E. Johnson (95-40 fav)		3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 Temple Light, 9-2 Gift Acre, 9-1 Cross Purpose, 25-1 Miss Goldie (4th), 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 79p; places, 43p, 12p; dual forecast, £2.91. P. Cole, at Lambourn. 2½l, 2½l. 2min 8.31sec.

3.45 (3.46) BLUE PETER PLATE (2-y-o: £690: 6f)

Lynwood Sovereign, b c by Connaught—Hypatia (Mr J. Hill), 8-8	F. Durr (33-1)		1
Gold Mark, ch c, by Jimmy

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The Rest may thwart England

Peter Ryde
f Correspondent

eland put the brake on land's onrush at Gleneagles erday, but could not oust them the lead as they enter the day of the Double Diamond hplay tournament. The chief st to an England victory this noon comes from the Rest he World who lie four points nd them with Scotland a fur- five behind that. Ireland have d 13 points, one more than land, but have played one more than the three coun- mentioned. It looks as though sponsors, Allied Breweries, have the climax they hoped leaving England against the of the World to the last after- England have a four point equivalent to two matches, they must guard against run- out of steam in the final le, especially since the World pposed first to Europe at the m of the poll.

kin recorded his third con- tive victory playing at the top. ll not add greatly to his ndon, but it is something that be remembered by those too of asking what on earth has med to him. He had tried his as a television commentator, g had the morning off, and himself with ten minutes for . The first six holes were nged between him and lla at the end of which he ne down. When I next saw they were all square with n bunkered at the short 11th, e came out to 12 feet and the putt to remain on level following it with one from eet at the 13th to take the That was the turning point. reens that were dead easy after a wet morning. both he and Kinsella had a day out on them, but with his nose in front, Jacklin kept going and although he missed the 17th green he was dormy going down the last hole where he holed from some 90 feet to make sure.

Oosterhuis, still playing anchor man, filled a captain's part gaining a single point for a halved match. In the uncertain state of the weather and with the positions not stabilized at the top, one point might make all the difference before the end is reached. Oosterhuis made a wild start, misjudging the almost vertical pitch to the first green and loosing off two majestic slices at the third and fourth At the eighth, where he missed another green, Polland had a 4ft putt to become four up but missed, and at the 10th Oosterhuis had his first break, holing from 15 feet to win a hole against the run of play. Polland missing from three feet. The England captain was still two down with five in play and got fighting halves at the 14th and 15th after missing the green both times. At the 16th, in a cross-wind that was still vigorous, he holed from a yard for a two and at the 17th from 50 feet for his second birdie to square the match. "Twenty feet from the hole I knew it was in", he said. "it was a good putt, but of course to hole from that length when you need it most must be lucky".

Wild though some of this golf was, Oosterhuis hit only seven greens, it was hardly a dogfight, for he came back in 32, gaining only one hole in the process. Today he gives Townsend his chance and a busy time they look like having. Bembridge won comfortably but O'Connor junior had had a hard match in beating Bannerman on the last green and did not make things too difficult for the Englishman. Indeed, Bembridge was far from satisfied with his own putting, yet he and Jacklin are the only competitors left with a 100 per cent record. Horton played pretty well going out and his one iron to 12 feet at the sixth was a perfect stroke. "That club has served me well all the week", he said. But the wind was gusting and sending light squalls across the moors between bursts of sunshine. I think in the end Horton found the wind too tough against a stronger opponent and a fine striker of the ball, O'Leary.

Scotland had a disappointing day, winning only seven points out of a possible 16. After halving their match against Ireland, they failed to win an individual match against the World. Their captain, Barnes, came unstuck for the first time losing on the last green after being one up with four to play and three up before that against Newton. This was an important point for the World because while three of them are playing well, the fourth cylinder has been something of an unknown quantity.

Casper has shown a marked return to form towards the end of a thin season and I would like to have seen his match with Chillas, which ended in a half after an approximate 69 by both sides, in conditions far from easy. Another young player, Llewellyn, has done Wales proud, winning both his matches yesterday against Bob Charles and Angel Gallardo. At the bottom of the ladder Wales are having their own duel with Europe and the home country's victory over the Continent, in which Phillips also won a point, might just make the difference in who finishes last.

The following are the teams for the England v Scotland match which begins about 8.45 this morning: A. Jacklin v H. Bannerman; P. Townsend v R. Shade; P. Oosterhuis v D. Chillas; M. Bembridge v B. Gallacher.

SCOTLAND halved with IRELAND 2-2. Results (Scotland first): H. Barnes beat J. Kinsella, 1 and 3; H. Bannerman lost to C. O'Connor Jr, 1 hole; D. Chillas lost to J. O'Leary, 2 and 1; B. Gallacher beat E. Holland, 1 hole.

REST OF THE WORLD beat WALES, 3-1. Results (Rest of the World first): J. Newton beat A. Phillips, 2 and 1; D. Hayes beat D. Vaughan, 7 and 5; R. Charles lost to D. Llewellyn, 3 and 1; W. Casper beat C. Defoy, 3 and 2.

ENGLAND beat IRELAND 2½-1½. Results (England first): A. Jacklin beat J. Kinsella, 2 holes; M. Bembridge beat C. O'Connor, Jr, 5 and 4; T. Horton lost to J. O'Leary, 3 and 2; P. Oosterhuis halved with E. Polland.

SCOTLAND lost to REST OF THE WORLD 1½-2½. Results (Scotland first): R. Shade halved with D. Hayes; D. Chillas halved with W. Casper; B. Barnes lost to J. Newton, 2 and 1; B. Gallacher halved with R. Charles.

WALES beat EUROPE 2½-1½. Results (Wales first): B. Huggett halved with D. Swaelens; D. Llewellyn beat A. Gallardo, 1 hole; A. Phillips beat J. Cantarero, 2 and 1; C. Defoy lost to M. Pinero, 3 and 2.

Table after fourth series

	P	W	H	L	Pts
England	3	3	0	0	31
Rest of the World	3	2	0	1	17
Ireland	3	0	2	1	13
Scotland	3	1	1	1	12
Wales	3	1	0	2	10
Europe	3	0	1	2	7

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	362	4	10	450	4
2	406	4	11	233	3
3	375	4	12	439	4
4	465	4	13	451	4
5	167	3	14	266	4
6	476	5	15	460	4
7	439	4	16	135	3
8	170	3	17	374	4
9	424	4	18	531	5
Out	3,274	35	In	3,339	35

Tennis

First round pairings of America's top two

New York, Aug 22.—James Connors, the top seed, will face Jeff Borowiak, another American, and Christine Evert, Connors's fiancee and the top women's seed, will meet Gail Chanfreau, of France, in the opening rounds of the United States open tennis tournament. The young Americans, who are to marry on November 8, are attempting to add the United States open titles to the Wimbledon championships they won earlier this year.

The draw for the tournament, which will open on Wednesday at the West Side Tennis Cup, Forest Hills, was announced here today. John Newcombe, of Australia, the men's singles champion and second seed, will play Sweden's Leif Johansson. Newcombe's opponent in last year's final, Jan Kodes, of Czechoslovakia, the twelfth seed, will meet Patrick Cramer, of South Africa.

Margaret Court, of Australia, the women's champion, is not in the tournament because of the arrival of her second child. Evonne Goolagong, of Australia, the 1973 runner-up and fifth seed, will play Miss Evert's younger sister, Jeanne.

Milan Holecek, a self-exiled Czechoslovakian, and Bjorn Borg, of Sweden, won third-round matches in a tournament at Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. Holecek who has an 18-month jail sentence awaiting him if he returns to his native land because of political differences, defeated Harold Solomon, of the United States, the French open semi-finalist, 4—6, 6—3, 7—5.

Borg, aged 18, who has stirred the European tennis world, said after his easy victory over Lara: "I'm hoping to meet Guillermo Vilas in the final. I lost to him in the Canadian Open last week and want to avenge that defeat".

Rain halted four matches in the quarter-final round of the seventy-fifth annual Pennsylvania championships at Haverford. Play was called off for the day with Ray Keldie, of Australia, leading the champion, Michael Estep, of the United States, 6—4, 2—1; John Lloyd, of Britain, leading Fred McMair, of the United States, 0—6, 7—6, 4—1; J. Whitlinger 6—3, 3—6, 1—0 ahead against his fellow American, Brian Teacher; and James Delancy leading Ferdi Taygan, 6—2, 2—6, 3—2 in another all-American match.

ISTANBUL: Davis Cup: First round: Turkey lead Ireland, 2—0. Results: B. Altinkaya beat K. Menton, 6—1, 6—7, 4—6, 6—2; R. Aydin beat P. Ledbetter, 6—3, 6—1, 0—6, 6—2.

NEWPORT (Rhode Island): J. Heldman (US) beat L. Charles (GB), 6—3 6—3.

Shannon overwhelms Lyle from the start

y Shannon, of Kent, over- ed the tournament favourite Lyle by 10 and nine in the f the British boys champion- t Royal Liverpool yesterday. on made a good start to three up on Sandy Lyle, the d boy's captain after the ound of the 36-hole final.

nson, an England boy inter- al in 1973, but dropped from ar's side, never looked back holing from 30 feet for a g birdie at the first hole. ent farther ahead at the when Lyle drove into rough and took the short hole when Lyle missed the

ne second shot and a putt feet gave Shannon a birdie fifth to go four ahead and on the ninth after both had hit their second shots h the green. Out in 35, level hannon was five up, but to trouble coming in. hooked his drive into the to lose the 10th and needed ots to recover from a bun- the short 13th. Lyle then a putt of 30 yards from off ont edge of the green for an three at the long 14th. Shan- lead was then cut to two, ter the next three holes had halved, Shannon won the here Lyle bunkered his tee never threatened to trouble Shannon again after hitting his second shot to the 19th out of bounds. He then lost the 20th when he bunkered short of the green, and the short 22nd when he took three from the edge. Shannon won the next with a five-yard birdie putt and went eight up at the 24th when Lyle hooked out of bounds.

Shannon also won the short 25th when his demoralised opponent took three putts and a par was good enough to win the 27th where his chip from short of the green hit the flagstick. The record winning margin in the championship belongs to Andrew Phillips with his 12 and 11 victory at Moortown in 1956.

Peter Oosterhuis, currently leading the England team in the international match at Gleneagles, heads the Professional Golfers' Association list of leading money winners. After finishing runner-up in both the Dutch and German open championships, his total stands at £12,761. Dale Hayes, of South Africa, is second with £11,094 and Peter Townsend third with £9,252.

HARRISON, New York: Westchester tournament: First round: 67, M. Barber 35, 34; T. Aaron 34, 35; D. Douglass 35, 32; L. Ziegler 35, 34; 68, J. Lister (NZ), 35, 33; J. Welchers 34, 34; L. Hinson 37, 33; J. Nicklaus 34, 34; T. Watson 34, 34; J. McGree 33, 35; M. Rudolph 35, 33; A. Palmer 31, 37; D. Sikes 32, 36; B. Crampton (Australia), 34, 34; B. Murphy, 35, 33.

No need for Miss Barry to creep away again

By Lewine Mair

Not chosen to play for England in the girls' international golf matches at the start of the week, 16-year-old Ruth Barry, a pupil at Millfield and a member of Burnham and Barrow, yesterday defeated Tegwen Perkins on the last green to win the British girls' championships at Dunbar.

Five feet eight inches tall and less than nine stones, Miss Barry has been beautifully taught by her father, a seven handicap golfer. An avid reader of books and articles on instruction, Dr Barry has yet done nothing to alter his daughter's natural swing. She hits the ball away quickly and effortlessly, pausing neither to fiddle with her grip nor her stance at the address.

Though there was, admittedly, a great deal of pressure on Miss Perkins in that she had always been favoured to win the title, the afternoon was, too, a harrowing affair for Miss Barry in that she, unlike Miss Perkins, had had no experience of playing in front of a crowd. Indeed, in her other major event of the season, the English girls' championship, she had crept away after the first round, having been beaten by a girl with a 18 handicap. As it was, she coped magnificently, never letting herself get upset with the odd bad shot or even with the lovely wood she hit into the short tenth which kicked, almost at right angles, into a greenside trap.

Miss Perkins was four times bunkered in the space of the last five holes. As Belle Robertson, the Curtis Cup captain said, a links such as Dunbar was an enormous contrast to the kind of courses on which the Welsh girl had played so well out in America earlier this month. "Tegwen", said Mrs Robertson, "had an awful lot of confidence in America . . . she loved the way in which you could throw the ball in at the flag. This week she has lost her confidence a little and her swing seems to be rather less smooth."

Having won two successive holes, Miss Perkins left the 10th green one up. Whereupon, at the 11th, Miss Barry played what was surely the shot of the match—a high cut wedge from the rough by the side of the green which landed, on the downslope, but three feet from the flag. Miss Barry won that hole in four and, though she went one down again at the 13th after having been bunkered off the tee, she took the 14th and 17th where Miss Perkins was twice bunkered to be one up with one to play.

Close to the wall flanking the green at the 18th in two, Miss Barry sensibly tried only to get her ball on the green. This she did—and a half in five was good enough.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND: T. Perkins (Wenvoe Castle) beat G. Charbonnier (Geneva), 3 and 2; R. Barry (Burnham) beat M. Stavert (Craigmillar Park), 2 holes.

FINAL: Miss Barry beat Miss Perkins, 1 hole.

Boxing

McAlinden will defend titles against Johnson

Danny McAlinden defends his British and Commonwealth heavyweight titles against Bunny Johnson at the Civic Hall, Wolverhampton, on Tuesday, October 8. It will be the first time a British heavyweight championship has been held in the Civic Hall, which has a capacity of 1,850, though seven years ago Henry Cooper met Jack Bodell for the title at the Wolverhampton football ground. The co-promoters are Alex Griffiths and Jack Solomons.

McAlinden will be defending his titles for the first time since knocking out the holder, Bodel, at Villa Park in June, 1972. Johnson earned the right to challenge by knocking out Richard Dunne. The last time McAlinden boxed was in January, when he lost to the American, Pat Duncan, and broke a thumb.

Meanwhile, the British Boxing Board of Control have protested to the European Boxing Union over the choice of Dante Cane, of Italy, in preference to McAlinden, as the next opponent for Joe Bugner, the holder, for the European heavyweight championship.

The board had nominated McAlinden as the official challenger, and contracts were to be signed by October 20. But when the E.B.U. discussed the situation, three members voted for McAlinden and three for Cane. The president gave his casting vote in favour of the Italian.

Villanueva faces Garbey for fifth time

Havana, Aug 23.—Ementerio Villanueva, of Mexico, qualified last night for the quarter-final round of the light-middleweight division at the first world amateur boxing championships here when he defeated Moha Med Ali, of Ghana, in a second series bout. Villanueva, who was in the semi-final at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich, stopped Ali in the second round with a powerful left swing and will face Rolando Garbey, of Cuba, on Tuesday.

This will be the fifth bout between the two men, Garbey having won the four previous ones. Garbey, a silver medal winner at the Munich Olympics, stopped Peter Tiebold, of East Germany, in the second round of a disappointing bout marred by too much infighting. The referee stopped the contest with the East German bleeding profusely from a cut above his left eye and a nose wound.

FEATHERWEIGHT: Second round: M. Alvarez (Cuba) beat A. Ruble (Spain), in the second round; T. Badari (Hungary) beat F. Arias (Dominican Republic) on points; E. Nkukwu (Nigeria) beat G. Pometcu (Romania), on points; H. Davis (US) beat R. Pechov (Bulgaria), on points; R. Weller (West Germany) beat E. Mollusso (Italy), on points; B. Kuznetsov (USSR) beat S. Forster (West Germany) on points; R. Garibaldi (Panama) beat C. Huard (Canada), on points; A. Jagielski (Poland) beat J. Vargas (Argentina), on points.

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHT: Second round: A. Lemus (Venezuela) beat M. Lindholm (Finland), retired, third round; N. Jones (Trinidad-Tobago) beat Adri Huussen (Netherlands), retired first round; J. Nsubuga (Uganda) beat D. Libondo (Zaire), on points; S. Tartia (Romania) knocked out J. L. Angeletti (France), in the second round; E. Villanueva (Mexico) beat Mohamed Ali (Ghana), in the second round; R. Garbey (Cuba) beat P. Tiepold (East Germany), in the third round; J. Rybicki (Poland) beat W. Guzman (Puerto Rico), on points; A. Klimonov (USSR) beat L. Lamadrid (Peru), on points.

HEAVYWEIGHT: Second round: D. Zinkubire (Uganda) beat J. Navarro (Argentina) on points; R. Mijic (Yugoslavia) beat E. Gorukov (USSR), in the third round; A. Fathi (Morocco) beat A. Lopez (Puerto Rico), on points; P. Hussing (West Germany) beat I. Alexe (Romania), in the third round; T. Stevenson (Cuba) wo M. Tshibangu (Zaire), scr; F. Ayala (Algeria) beat S. Belamin (Trinidad-Tobago), in the first round; J. Bugner (Hungary) beat J. Quarry (US), on points.

Yachting

Refused protest makes a worthy winner

By John Nicholls

Richard Jobbins and Paul Van Loock, from the Highcliffe Sailing Club, became the new national champions of the Fireball class at Llandudno yesterday. They finished third in the fifth and final race of the series yesterday and won overall by one point from Ian and Keith Gray, who tied for second place with Nicholas and Crispin Read-Wilson.

Only four of the five races that were sailed counted for points, the fifth, which on Thursday was the subject of a protest and counter-protest, was finally declared void overnight. There was a possibility that another of the races might be thrown out as well, when one of the competitors alleged yesterday that a large number of the fleet missed out a mark of the course during Wednesday's race.

If this protest had been upheld the series, which was sponsored by Dunhills, would have been farcical and Jobbins would not have been the winner. But, to the relief of most people, it was not, and the final order more or less reflected the true merit of the competitors. Jobbins was lucky that he did not have to count the abandoned race in his score, because he finished low down on that day. He had another poor score as well, but was able to discard that one, and counted a second and two thirds as his scoring races.

Ian Gray had by far the best overall record, his worst result in five races was a ninth, yet he only finished second overall. The Read-Wilsons recorded two firsts and an eighth, and James Hawker, fourth overall, also had two wins. One of Hawker's wins was in yesterday's race, when he led all round the course to win by over five minutes from John Oswald.

It was the best race of the week, sailed on a true course and in a fresh south-westerly breeze that proved too strong for many of the competitors. Only 65 of the 175 entries finished the course, many capsized and others retired for one reason or another. One man was hauled unconscious out of the water and was taken to hospital, another parted company from his boat and was rescued by Kenneth Brackwell, the defending champion.

Brackwell obviously lost his chance of a good result in the race, so he was later awarded points based on the average of his other scores. This computed result had the effect of lifting him one place in the overall table, from sixth to fifth. The sixth boat was sailed by the married couple, Adrian and Maeve Bell, from the Lough Beach Club in Ireland. Mrs Bell was the only woman crew in the first six boats and she also helped her husband into fourth place in yesterday's tough race, an outstanding performance.

FIFTH RACE: 1, Mnemenh (J. Hawker, M. Dawe, Hayling Island); 2, Doll Inspector (J. Oswald, P. Day, Thorpe Bay); 3, Gay Gladys (R. Jobbins, P. Van Loock, Highcliffe); 4, Quaker Girl (A. Bell, Republic of Ireland); 5, Uncontrollabill (P. Davies, N. Spannagna, Rabbacombe Corinthian); 6, Modulus of Rapture (J. Alsop, J. Alsop, Kestrington).

OVERALL: 1, Jobbins, Van Loock, 7 pts; 2, Honourback (J. and K. Gray, London Corinthian); Hernia (N. and C. Read-Wilson, Lyme Regis), 8; 4, Hawker, Dawe, 9; 5, Rosaline (K. Brackwell, R. Butcher, Hayling Island), 13.65; 6, Bell, Bell, 14.75.

Tom Andrews yesterday became only the third man to win the Flying Fifteen national championship twice. The final race on Strangford Lough was led from start to finish by Eddie Gilmore, exhibiting his superiority in fresh conditions for the second time this week. This meant Andrews needed to take the second gun to take the title.

OVERALL RESULT: 1, Chinook, 56 pts; 2, Intercentar, 37; 3, Vega (J. Rogers, Kircubbin SC); 41; 4, Boondoggle, 42; 5, Sandpiper (C. Greenfield, Medway YC), 50.7; 6, Koala (E. Magee, Strangford Lough YC), 54.

French hope for more wind in second race

Newport, Rhode Island, Aug 23.—"We have a long, uphill fight," conceded Bruno Bich, head of the French syndicate, whose yacht, France, was soundly beaten by Australia's Southern Cross in yesterday's first race of their best-of-seven series to determine this year's challenger for the America's Cup.

"There is no question of it—they were faster than we were," Mr Bich said. But he added: "One race doesn't make a series. We'd like a bit more wind. It was just too light."

Southern Cross gained on every leg of the 24.3-mile course on Rhode Island sound. She was four seconds ahead of France crossing the starting line, and made the best of the light and flukey wind conditions to post margins of 2min 26sec, 4min 33sec, 5min 01sec, 5min 14sec, and 6min 01sec at the turning marks. The winning margin was 7min 32sec.

"We're pleased with the way today's race turned out," Alan Bond, owner of Southern Cross, said. "I hope we can continue to sail as well against France." The second race will be sailed today.

The two remaining American contenders for the America's Cup defence, Courageous and Intrepid, will also race today after a one-day layoff. Their course will be several miles east of where the French and Australians will be sailing.

La Rochelle, France, Aug 23.—Sixty-two yachts from 13 countries gathered here today for the Half Ton Cup, the world championship of offshore racing for medium-sized craft. The championship will be decided in five races, starting on Monday and ending on August 31 with the finish of a 230-mile race.

France's Impensable, winner last year at Copenhagen, heads the French entries.

Goodwin and Lord gain clean sweep

Malcolm Goodwin and Julian Lord won the final race of the Hornet class world championships at Brightlingsea yesterday, discarding their one second place and finishing with a clean sheet of four firsts. They won the championships for the third year in succession.

The race started after a postponement and a general recall, and in a close fight Goodwin just rounded the windward mark in Revolution ahead of Simon Darney in Revelation. Revolution pulled out a lead of a minute and Chris Strodel in Doremi attacked Revolution on the close spinnaker reach, but the difference remained at about a minute. Super Zonker also got past Revelation on the second beat to make sure of second place overall.

FIFTH RACE: 1, Revolution (M. Goodwin and J. Lord, Brightlingsea); 2, Doremi (C. Strodel and A. Rolling, Clacton); 3, Super Zonker (D. and J. Nicholson, Brightlingsea); 4, Revelation (J. Darney, Brightlingsea); 5, Vega (J. Rogers, Kircubbin SC); 6, Koala (E. Magee, Strangford Lough YC).

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90½	84¾	Treas 6½pc 1994	88¹¹/₁₆	..	6.840	11.283
97⅜	92¾	Treas 6½pc 1993	97⅛	..	6.130	11.089
96⅝	83¼	Treas 6½pc 1973	98	..	8.163	10.963
96½	88⅝	Savings 3½pc 1965-75	93¹¹/₁₆	-⅛	3.198	9.872
95⅛	88	Exch 6½pc 1996-98	84⅝	..	6.889	10.657
94⅛	86	Treas 6½pc 1996	91¹⁵/₁₆	..	7.070	11.180
89⅛	85	Victory 4pc 1957-92	93	..	4.082	6.070
98⅛	84½	Treas 10½pc 1978	95⅝	..	10.994	11.909
91⅝	83⅝	Treas 9½pc 1997	95¼	..	9.953	11.290
99	81¼	Elec 3½pc 1964-66	87½	..	3.429	8.574
89⅜	85⅛	Treas 11½pc 1977	97⅛	..	11.834	12.642
86⅜	77⅛	Trans 4½pc 1972-77	84½	-⅛	4.158	9.388
101¼	86⅝	Treas 9pc 1978	91¼	..	8.980	11.802
96⅛	75⅝	Exch 5½pc 1976-78	81⅝	-⅛	6.164	10.648
76⅝	69⅛	Funding 4½pc 1960-90	73	..	4.099	9.871
81⅝	69¼	Elec 4½pc 1974-79	75¼	..	5.623	10.589
81⅝	67½	Elec 3½pc 1976-79	74¼	..	4.787	10.280
100⅜	81⅝	Treas Cnv 5½pc 1980	85¾	..	6.466	13.418
75⅝	64¼	Treas 3½pc 1979-81	71	..	4.956	11.456
73⅝	64¼	Treas 3½pc 1977-80	69⅝	..	4.909	10.173
75¼	61⅝	Treas 3½pc 79-81	71	..	4.909	11.524
97⅛	73¾	Treas 8½pc 1980-82	91	..	8.359	11.349
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97½	80¾	Treas 12½pc 1982	98¾	..	13.344	11.979
80⅝	61⅛	Fund 5½pc 1982-84	64⅜	..	8.581	11.985
88¼	68⅞	Treas 7½pc 1983-85	78	..	12.344	13.953
91⅜	69⅜	Fund 6½pc 1985-87	69⅜	..	11.375	13.721
90⅝	70⅛	Treas 7½pc 1985-88	81⅝	..	12.985	14.287
94⅜	77⅛	Treas 9½pc 1978-84	89¾	..	9.890	12.543
88⅜	45	Treas 5½pc 1986-89	47	..	11.073	13.454
80⅞	61¼	Treas 8¾pc 1987-90	62⅜	..	13.641	14.173
72⅝	47⅜	Fund 5½pc 1987-91	49	..	11.218	14.511
68⅝	44¼	Fund 5½pc 1991	45¾	..	11.210	14.511
86½	62½	Treas 9½pc 1994	93	..	14.843	15.291
82	58¾	Redmptn 3½pc 1986-96	58	..	10.421	12.647
46⅞	35½	Gas 3½pc 1990-95	42	..	10.494	12.868
76⅛	54⅝	Treas 12½pc 1995	91	..	13.553	13.853
56⅜	55⅜	Treas 9pc 1992-96	59¾	..	15.077	15.526
75¼	56½	Treas 9½pc 1998-08	67¾	..	14.943	15.497
94¾	69⅜	Treas 9pc 1994-97	87⅝	..	15.196	15.328
98¾	82¼	Treas 9½pc 1999	93¾	..	15.296	15.531
43¾	35½	Treas 8½pc 1989-04	36	..	13.488	14.335
95¾	73⅝	Treas 9pc 2002-06	84¼	..	15.464	15.567
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85¾	83½	Aust 2½pc 70-75	95	..	4.653	12.331
88½	73¾	Aust 3½pc 76-78	84½	..	7.204	14.062
82½	67¾	Aust 5½pc 77-80	69¾	..	8.146	14.437
77¾	58	Aust 5½pc 78-81	65	..	8.462	14.286
75¾	58	Aust 6½pc 81-83	59½	..	10.309	14.253
93¾	83	Aust 6½pc 74-76	89¾	..	6.923	13.408
89	87¾	Aust 6½pc 79-81	88¾	..	10.230	14.292
90	87	Berlin 4½pc 74-78	87½	..	..	..
95¼	87	Ceylon 4½pc 73-75	94½	..	4.228	14.343
91	89	Chilean Stized	9¾	..	..	..
73¼	52½	S Africa 3½pc 77-83	53¼	..	10.906	15.933
100	100	Germany 5½pc 1950	100	..	..	..
38	23	Hungary 4½pc 1924	23	..	..	..
90¾	65½	Ireland 5½pc 81-83	65½	..	..	..
19¾	15¾	Jamaica 7½pc 72-79	11	..	10.579	15.845
310	85	Japan Ass 4½pc 1910	100	..	..	..
77	53	Japan 6½pc 63-88	52	..	..	..
73¼	55½	Kenya 5½pc 78-82	53	..	9.445	16.040
85¾	65	Malaya 3½pc 58-62	67	..	11.222	14.726
89¾	63⅝	Trans 4½pc 1977	69¾	..	8.953	11.290
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30¾	17	L C C	3½pc 1920	17½	..	17.037	..
72	66	L C C	5½pc 53-57	55¾	..	9.370	14.747
80	58	L C C	5½pc 71-81	61	..	8.972	14.434
74½	52	L C C	5½pc 82-84	53½	..	10.375	14.670
71	58	L C C	5½pc 85-87	59½	..	11.778	14.253
78¾	74	L C C	6½pc 78-79	75	..	7.687	14.253
88	68	L C C	6½pc 78-79	79½	..	8.488	14.448
79½	49¾	L C C	6½pc 83-86	50	..	13.700	15.387
78¾	73	L C C	6½pc 1976	76	..	7.669	13.852
89¾	80	L C C	6½pc 1977	84¾	..	7.709	14.238
77¾	47¾	L C C	6½pc 78-92	48	..	14.079	15.463
89¾	79½	L C C	7½pc 1971-83	83¾	..	8.868	14.115
104¾	79½	L C C	7½pc 82-85	79½	..	12.496	14.681
100	72¾	L C C	7½pc 78-79	78¾	..	12.985	14.287
84	61½	L C C	6½pc 80-82	63	..	10.415	14.738
88¾	58¾	Ag Mt	7½pc 81-84	58¾	..	12.940	15.907
91¾	65¾	Ag Mt	7½pc 81-83	66½	..	15.263	16.094
92	74	Ag Mt	8½pc 86-90	74	..	14.340	16.084
75¾	62½	Belfast	6½pc 77-80	63	..	10.640	16.884
88¾	70¾	Brighto	6½pc 78-79	73¾	..	8.887	14.875
98	84¾	Bristol	7½pc 74-76	93	..	7.521	13.391
95¾	84¾	Burnley	5½pc 1905	85	..	6.646	14.202
73	47¾	Camden	6½pc 77-79	74	..	8.792	14.834
98	65½	Croydon	6½pc 78-81	67¾	..	10.309	14.681
89¾	71¾	Edin	6½pc 77-79	74¾	..	8.750	14.811
101½	79	Glasgow	6½pc 78-82	79¾	..	8.210	14.906
91	74	Gwich	6½pc 78-79	77	..	8.760	14.372
89¾	76½	Herts	6½pc 75-77	82½	..	8.176	14.234
92½	86	Liverpl	5½pc 71-75	92½	..	5.949	13.420
89¾	78¾	Liverpl	7½pc 76-77	82½	..	8.491	14.279
38¾	19	Met Water	B	..	15.081	15.971
78	61½	N L	6½pc 78-80	64	..	10.287	17.370
78	56	N L	7½pc 82-84	56	..	12.924	16.715
73¾	54½	N Tyne	6½pc 81-82	55¼	..	11.730	16.402
91	74¾	Notts	6½pc 78-79	77½	..	8.744	14.369
86½	67½	Sthend	6½pc 77-79	70½	..	7.439	14.507
81	59½	Swark	6½pc 83-86	59½	..	12.383	14.953
84½	65¼	Surrey	6½pc 78-80	67¼	..	8.863	14.768

1973-74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div Yld Pence	%	P/E
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FOREIGN STOCKS

27	19½	Bayer	£26	-¼	136	5.2	14.9
720	380	Commerzbank	490	-10	27.8	4.0	15.2
57¾	44½	Cp Fn Paris	1144½	-¼	81.4	5.6	14.9
36½	28	ERFS	1122½	..	82.9	1.9	16.0
72	19¾	Ericsson	£28	..	82.9	1.9	16.0
41	20	Finsider	33	..	..	..	..
27	16¼	Granges	£21	..	122	4.5	8.3
280	200	Hoechst	265	-5	14.3	8.4	16.0
88	28	Montecatini E	70	..	..	..	..
15	10¾	NEFO NV	£13	..	73.2	5.6	18.4
467	347	Robeco fl.5	350	+3	19.9	5.7	32.1
306	221	Rollnco Subs fl.5	222	+1	3.3	1.5	55.9
240	75	Solv Thorn	170	..	..	..	..
328	200	Thyssen-Huette	295	-5	16.6	5.6	10.3
28½	15½	Volkswagen	£18¼	-¼	..	..	..

DOLLAR STOCKS

11¾	7¾	Brascan	10½	-⅛	43.9	5.4	4.9
10¾	8	BP Canada	£7¾	..	..	..	..
97½	71½	Can Pac Ord	81½	+½	38.6	4.4	11.7
11	8¹¹/₁₆	El Paso	9¾	..	41.7	6.7	11.6
53¾	38½	Exxon Corp	£41	..	..	..	..
21½	8¾	Fluor	£14¾	..	8.6	0.6	48.8
28	15¾	Holzinger	£19¾	..	..	..	..
30⅝	15¾	Hud Bay Oil	£15¾	..	28.9	1.9	29.9
15¹¹/₁₆	8¾	Husky Oil	£9¾	..	..	..	..
835	500	Int Hdgs	560	-30	13.4	..	..
11¾	7¾	Int Nickel	£8¾	..	43.4	3.7	11.7
14½	6	IU Int	10⅝	-½	35.7	9.4	8.8
44¾	32	Kaiser Alum	£34½	..	41.9	4.3	..
13¹¹/₁₆	7¾	Massey-Ferg	10¾	..	32.9	3.9	6.0
23	10¾	Pacific Petrol	£10¾	..	..	..	..
905	513	Pan Canadian	545	..	..	..	..
138	62	Steep Rock	124	..	..	..	..
790¾	453¾	Trans Can P	562	-10	..	..	..
240	75	US Steel	£59½	..	..	..	..
700	380	White Pass	391	•	19.3	4.9	7.2
15½	10	Zapata Corp	£12¾	-¼	16.7	1.3	7.5

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

375	180	Alexs Discount	183	..	15.2	8.3	25.9
18	2¾	Allen H & Rose	£3¾	..	3.0	..	..
430	280	Arb-Leitman	285	..	10.9	3.7	8.8
450	162	Aust & NZ	175	+10	13.9	7.9	12.6
6½	2¾	Bk Bapsalm	30	..	1.0	3.4	6.9
433¾	295	Bk of Ireland	300	..	20.0	6.7	3.4
70	25	Bk Leumi Israel	30	..	10.0	33.2	6.4
213	165¾	Bk Lond & M	208	•	14.0	6.8	15.5
748	345	Bk of NSW	365	-10	17.4	4.8	10.5
30	13¾	Bk of N Scotia	£19¾	..	55.5	2.7	20.6
252	148	Bk of Scotland	165	..	18.8	8.4	5.9
468	168	Barclays Bank	185	..	11.8	8.9	10.8
357	57	Bates F Hldgs	63	..	3.5	11.8	6.2
118	18	Brt Bk of Com	20	+2	2.8	14.0	..
89¾	71¾	Brown Shipley	80	..	9.8	8.2	4.9
171	37	Burston Cpn	38	..	2.5	6.6	4.3
410	150	Cater Ryder	158	..	11.2	9.4	..
98	11	Cedar Hldgs	12	..	2.0	16.4	6.6
94	71	Chase Nam	£11¾	..	5.9	8.4	5.9
30¾	15¾	Citicorp	£16¾	..	33.6	..	14.5
285	170	Com Bk of Aust	186	..	9.4	5.0	8.0
245	138	Com Bk of Syd	149	..	8.8	5.4	8.4
21	14	CC De France	£15¾	..	58.1	12.2	2.1
190	9	First Nat Fin	11	..	2.8	15.0	5.5
57	..	Fraser Anc	..	..	1.1	14.1	3.5
298	210	Gerrard & Nat	250	..	16.1	6.4	14.0
54	39	Gibbs Antony	46	..	2.5	5.4	13.1
480	85	Gillett Bros	170	..	8.5	..	..
260	70	Guinness Peat	73	-2	9.5	12.9	3.7
575	215	Hambros Bk	315	..	17.7	5.6	7.7
306	130	Do Ord	130	-10	9.8	7.5	4.8
199½	46	Hill Samuel	63	..	4.9	11.4	4.0
330½	170	Hong K & Shang	178	..	3.2b	3.1	19.8
368	228	Israel Brit	230	..	15.0	6.6	4.5
180	120	Jessel Toynbee	120	..	8.0	6.7	4.3
250	185	Keyser Ullmann	230	..	15.0	6.5	4.3
84	33	Kitc & Shaxson	50	..	3.8	7.6	14.8
197	40	Kleinwort Ben	188	..	4.5	2.4	8.0
281	140	Lloyds Bank	185	-12	9.7	5.2	6.6
290	64	Mercury Secs	278	..	3.9	1.4	9.8
500	170	Midland	182	• -5	14.9	8.2	6.2
113	24	Minster Assets	30	..	3.8	12.9	6.7
147	45	Nat & Grind	48	..	4.6	9.7	7.8
138	115	Nat of Aust	128	-4	8.7	6.7	9.6
178	75	Nat Com Bk Grp	85	..	5.8	6.8	4.4
450	158	Nat W'minster	170	..	11.8	6.9	4.6
17	2½	Ottoman	3	..	..	1.0	16.9
196	90	Rea Bros	98	..	7.5	7.6	13.8
298	198	Royal of Can	£17¾	..	46.2	2.9	22.8
265	215	Schroders	315	..	17.5	5.5	7.4
400	250	Secscombe Mar	280	..	27.3	9.8	14.4
108	93	Slater Walker	93	..	1.7	1.7	6.1
156	34	Smith St Aubyn	34	..	..	..	..
297	203	Standd & Chart	230	-12	17.5	7.4	4.4
228	178	Union Discount	182	..	13.5	7.4	5.7
208	68	Wintrust	98	..	3.9	3.8	5.8

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

110	38	Allied	40½	-½	4.3b	9.2	6.9
57	37	Bass Charrington	52	..	5.5b	8.5	6.2
112½	46	Boddingtons	50	..	3.7	7.5	7.1
116	48	Brown N.	44	+2	3.7	8.5	7.0
118	52	Burtonwood	53	..	3.4	6.5	6.8
186½	82	Cameron J.W.	82	-½	4.1b	6.4	7.8
84	25	C of Ldn Dist	26	• -1	2.8	10.5	16.6
247	80	Devenish	82	..	6.5	7.8	6.8
172½	80	Distillers	82	..	34.9	38.3	7.6
36½	17½	Dist Corp S	17½	-½	34.1	1.9	16.9
118	34	Greenall	36	..	3.8	7.4	6.4
240	80	Grt Nor King	80	..	6.0	6.7	7.4
181	58	Guinness	58	..	8.0	11.4	5.5
139	80	Hardys & H'sons	80	..	6.3	10.5	6.5
280	88	Highland	105	..	11.0	8.9	10.8
65	20	Invergordon	20	..	2.5b	10.1	6.2
180	88	Long John Int	88	..	6.3	7.7	5.8
78	28	Marston	28	..	2.0	8.9	6.3
175	158	Morland & Co	158	..	12.2	8.8	9.1
124	38	Scot & Newcastle	40	-1	3.3	8.3	7.4
128½	90	SA Breweries	120	..	9.3	9.8	8.1
187	105	Teacher	105	..	12.3	6.6b	10.1
220	55	Tollemache	55	..	3.0	6.1	10.6
92	80	Tomatin	80	..	3.7	4.6b	6.2
455	142	Vaux	150	• -5	17.0	11.3	6.0
138	48	Whitbread 'A'	48½	-½	4.1	8.4	7.6
108½	40	Do 'B'	48½	-½	4.1	8.4	7.8
282	70	Whitbread Inv	80	..	8.0	10.0	13.8
98	72	Wolverhampton	83	+2	8.0	7.3	7.0

1973-74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div Yld Pence	%	P/E
74	13	Crouite Grp	15	..	3.4	22.5	6.4
42	26	Cropper J.	27	..	2.7	9.2	9.2
42	28	Crossland H.	34	..	2.4	9.6	7.1
134	31	Crossley Bldgs	34	..	4.6	13.5	2.7
71	21	Crouch D.	33	..	3.9	11.8	6.2
103	22	Crouch Grp	23	..	5.0	21.7	1.8
41½	13½	Crown House	15	..	2.5	16.4	8.1
149	33	Crowther J.	33	• ..	0.7	2.0	8.6
69	22	Cutler Guard	23	..	3.8	16.6	4.5
126	30	Cum'ns En Cv	£5	..	375	6.8	..
24½	7¾	Curzon Ind	8	..	0.8	10.3	7.9
64	18	Cussons Grp	21	..	2.1	10.0	8.5
52	16	Do A	20	..	2.1	10.5	8.5
105	38	Cuthbert R. & G.	31	..	2.4	7.7	7.8
154	12½	Cutler Hmmer	£12½	..	8.6	10.5	8.8
120	35	Dale Electric	57	..	5.6	9.8	7.3
173	65	Danish Bacon	70	..	8.6	12.3	3.0
22½	7½	Dartmouth Inv	8	..	0.9	11.9	5.6
128	30	Davies & New	30	..	8.3	27.6	2.1
112	30	Davis G.	38	..	4.1	13.5	4.8
126	57	Dawn Int	63	..	4.2	6.9	9.8
72	43	Dawson J.	43	..	6.1	14.1	5.8
350	240	De Beers Ind	344	..	28.0	8.1	8.8
168	28	Debenhams	31	..	5.9	19.0	5.8
276	125	De La Rue	137	..	14.7	10.7	8.7
424	138	Decca	140	..	12.6	8.9	3.6
424	128	Do A	140	..	11.6	8.3	3.6
134	43½	Delta Metal	46	..	3.6	11.7	4.6
112	72	Denbyware	73	..	4.1	5.6	9.3
210	86	De Vere Hotels	86	..	4.8	5.6	12.6
145	86	Dew G.	86	..	5.9	6.7	4.5
33½	10½	Dexion	31	..	1.3	4.9	9.4
153	64	DRG	64	..	7.8	11.4	6.2
52¾	11½	Dimplex Ind	12½	..	2.2	17.6	5.8
158	19	Dixons Photo	19	..	1.4	7.1	2.3
18	10	Do A	10	..	0.6	5.8	3.9
18	10	Dixon	10	..	0.6	1.6	27.0
24	17½	Dobson Park	19½	..	2.2	11.9	4.2
58	38	Dolan Pack	38	..	2.5	6.5	7.9
360	34	Don Hldgs	38	..	4.8b	13.4	7.1
68	28	Doncaster D.	28	..	3.5	11.7	4.1
40	17	Dorman Smith	19	..	1.7	10.2	4.8
117½	62	Do A	63	..	7.0	11.3	6.7
126	50	Douglas R. M.	50	..	4.2	8.4	4.7
67	12	Dover Eng	12	..	..	..	..
24½	7¾	Drake & Mills	8	..	1.4	7.2	6.8
209	78	Drewing G. H.	78	..	12.2	15.7	3.8
152	52	Dowty Grp	58	• ..	7.0	11.9	4.8
110	48	Drake Cubitt	48	..	..	..	..
19	10	Dreamland Elec	10	-½	2.7	14.2	3.6
84	27	Dunlop	27	-½	3.3	12.1	3.9
105	38	Duple Int	38	..	3.3	13.0	3.5
24	6	Do A	7¾	..	2.2	7.1	6.4
47	16	Dupont Int	16	..	4.7	16.1	4.3
46	16	Duport Ind	16	..	5.6	11.2	3.4
107	34	Dutton For	34	..	4.6	15.4	2.5
103	27	Dykes J. Hldgs	27	..	3.3	14.3	3.6
960	350	ERF Hldgs	350	• ..	8.3	2.4	15.1
253	36	E Lancs Paper	36	..	2.8	11.7	3.8
91	33	E Mid A Press	33	..	3.1	7.6	5.0
83	40	Eastern Prod	40	..	6.8	16.4	3.2
28	20	Eastwood J. B.	20	..	4.4	12.7	2.9
34	..	Do Def	..	..	..	..	..
65	24	Economic Grp	24	..	3.9b	15.6	2.0
48	8	Edbro	8	..	0.9	10.1	7.7
65	6	Eldridge St'd	6	..	0.6	9.2	1.9

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Pan Am says subsidy of $10m a month is vital to meet cash obligations

rom Frank Vogl
'ashington, Aug 23

Pan American World Airways eclared today that without mediate government subsidies more than $10m (£4.2m) a onth it may soon experience a sh shortage " with the conse ence that it will be unable meet its obligations ".

In an 11-page request for a bsidy to the Civil Aeronautics ard, the company stated that may not be able to survive uch longer without financial lp. The company forecast in e document that its losses this ar may total $76.6m.

Pan Am has asked for nthly subsidies of $10,175,000 ckdated to the beginning of ril. The company maintains needs $6,383,000 a month to ver its operating expenses and rther $3,702,000 a month to ver net interest expenses on tstanding loans. Its current lume of borrowed money is 0m, the document reveals.

Pan Am requested a $194m bsidy last April, when it imed it had no means of ering its increased annual l bill of an estimated $200m. The company said today it d sought the monthly subsidy ause its situation was eriorating rapidly and it med clear that a Civil Aeronautics Board decision on the ril request was "still many nths away".

he board, however, will have seek a special supplementary propriation from Congress ore granting Pan Am the subsidy. A spokesman for the board pointed out to day that Pan Am's new request equals twice the amount of subsidies granted to all United States airlines last year.

Trans World Airlines has also been maintaining that it urgently needs subsidies to offset rising fuel bills and it soon may make a similar request to Pan Am's.

Pan Am also noted in the document it filed today that a credit line it had arranged for $202.5m from a group of 36 banks may be endangered by its growing financial losses.

The airline indicated that the worsening situation could reduce its tangible net worth to below $300m, the level at which the credit line can be rescinded by banks.

This situation could develop by the winter, Pan Am said. The airline added that its losses in the first six months of this year amounted to $32.8m after losses of $22.9m in the same period last year. July results were also likely to show a decline in earnings.

Several Congressmen have openly opposed a subsidy to Pan Am in recent months, stating that the airline should first take advantage of its large credit lines.

But Pan Am maintains it needs to keep the lines to ensure the opportunity to borrow for future investments in new equipment.

With President Ford and administration leaders calling for restraint in public expenditure the mood of Congress appears to be against granting subsidies to ailing companies.

The Department of Transportation has been suggesting of late that subsidies for Pan Am and TWA are not necessary yet and that the airlines could improve the situation by rationalizing competition on the North Atlantic route; by international negotiation to reduce high costs imposed on United States airlines by foreign airports and by promoting a nationwide "Fly America" campaign here.

The Civil Aeronautics Board, while not yet firmly committing itself to subsidies, has pointed out that the Department of Transportation's plans will not bring the short-term relief to the airlines that is quite clearly needed.

Pan Am said today that its increasing cash shortages "may trigger consequences of the gravest import to the national interest".

In Congress views differ strongly on whether Pan Am's survival is a matter of vital national interest. But the airline maintains it would be a shattering blow to American prestige if the country's largest international flag carrier were to go under.

However, several American airlines are clamouring to get international routes and some might be willing to take over routes now the exclusive preserve of Pan Am.

Poles sign £150m deal with Massey combine

By Edward Townsend

Polish trade officials in London yesterday signed the long-awaited £150m tractor deal with Massey-Ferguson-Perkins, believed to be the biggest single trade agreement ever negotiated between Poland and a western industrial company.

Under its terms, a group of about 12 companies led by the Canadian-based Massey-Ferguson group and including Guest, Keen & Nettlefolds and the Lucas subsidiary CAV, will help to rebuild and modernize the Polish tractor and diesel engine industries.

Annual production targets for 1980 are 75,000 MF tractors and 90,000 Perkins engines at the expanded Ursus tractor plant, near Warsaw.

Trade with Eastern Europe has been demanding increased attention from the Department of Trade, and Mr Peter Shore, the Secretary of State for Trade, yesterday praised the agreement as "a magnificent achievement".

It not only gave practical expression to the long-term co-operation agreement concluded with Poland last year, he said, but also would make a significant impact on trade and economic relations between the two countries.

Last year, Poland overtook Russia for the first time to become Britain's leading export market in the Eastern block. The value of exports rose to £111.2m from the 1972 figure of £75.4m.

United Kingdom imports of Polish products were worth £95.1m—almost £25m above the previous year.

The encouraging prospects of future trade with Poland have led to full government support of the new tractor contract. The Export Credit Guarantee Department has endorsed a £127m credit being provided by a consortium headed by Barclays Bank.

MF said the majority of the £150m would be spent on services and goods, including capital equipment and components, to be provided from the United Kingdom during the next five years.

A significant part of the deal lays down terms for the sale to MF and Perkins, its Peterborough diesel engine subsidiary, of most of the components and finished goods from the extended Ursus operation.

The "buy back" terms reflect Poland's insistence that despite the growing trade deficit between Britain and Eastern Europe, the United Kingdom must import more Polish goods if its rising export trend in Poland is to be maintained.

The deal also indicates Poland's desire to back the advanced technology it is buying with western marketing expertise and sales outlets.

The contract, which is still subject to final ratification by both parties, has taken 2½ years of tough negotiations to conclude, and MF had to face stiff competition from West Germany.

Mr Albert A. Thornbrough, MF's president, said after the signing that it was hoped the venture would lead to other cooperative projects.

Although no further plans have been revealed by the Poles, it is thought that the expansion of the tractor factory may create the need for a metallurgical plant.

Peat Marwick report underlines 'major deficiencies' in Court Line accounting

By John Whitmore

Full details of the Peat, Marwick, Mitchel investigation into Court Line confirm that the Government had been given a clear indication of the seriousness of the Court situation by mid-July. They also disclose that a special committee had been set up by the Department of Industry and the National Westminster Bank to monitor the progress of the investigation.

"In conclusion", the report ends, "we would like to stress the importance of agreeing with the directors and yourselves (being the Department of Industry and the National Westminster Bank) a plan of action for the immediate future."

At the same time the July 12 report also makes it clear that it had been impossible in such a short space of time—Peats started their investigation on July 1—to ascertain the overall financial position of the group. To produce management accounts giving an overall view of the group's position as at June 30 would, it was estimated, take about six to seven weeks.

The main reason for this delay is firmly attributed to the inadequate accounting procedures in Court's leisure divisions.

In particular Peats single out the Clarkson and Horizon companies. Here the accountants reported "major deficiencies in the basic accounting procedures . . . which prevent the preparation of adequate management and/or interim accounts".

What the report does make clear, however, is that all parties concerned, including the Government, had been working on the assumption that the crisis in Court's leisure activities was serious enough to warrant consideration being given to the contraction of those activities or the strengthening of the group through a merger.

This is apparent at the start of the report, where Peat Marwick spell out their "instructions". The basic instruction is the "ascertainment of the current financial position of the group after the sale of Court Shipbuilders Ltd".

More specific instructions include inquiries into group assets available for disposal, consideration of plans for eliminating leisure division losses by reducing capacity and, finally, consideration of the possibilities for strengthening the group by, for example, merger or the participation of outside interests.

Although the lack of detailed information available at the time of the July 12 report meant that the board did not have the information needed "properly to consider" the alternatives that appeared to be open—which Peats suggested included merger with another entity in the leisure industry or disposal of its trading activities—the report makes it quite clear that Court was already in a crisis position and that completion of the sale of the shipbuilding interests would have afforded only a breathing space in which to consider the longer term viability of the group.

On the basis of such information as was available Peats were able to conclude that an estimated balance sheet for the group at the end of September, assuming the sale of the shipbuilding assets and a number of other assets, would show a net worth of £3.8m But this, Peats noted, was based on the estimated surpluses from sales of certain shipping assets of £4.5m and revaluations of other such assets of £4m.

The main assets to be realized were the group's ships and their Caribbean hotels. The sale of five of Court's seven tankers would, it was estimated, realize a net total of £26.3m, representing a profit over book value of £8.3m. The sale of the four Caribbean hotels, on the other hand, looked certain to result in a substantial loss. On the basis of a minimum sale price of £5.8m the loss would work out at £5.1m.

More important, however, the sale of the ships and hotels was only going to provide the group with some £7.2m of "free" cash once secured loans of £24.9m had been repaid.

Total loans to the group at June 30 are shown as £38.3m, made up of secured borrowings of £22.5m, and unsecured loans of £9.7m. The principal lenders are revealed as Bankers Trust International—its £12.5m loan to the company is, in fact, a syndicated loan—and National Westminster.

The National Westminster loan is shown as £5m. But it is clear that the group's total exposure to Court Line is appreciably higher. In addition to these loans National Westminster is believed to have loans out to the shipbuilding companies of some £10m, while it also exposed for its share—£2.3m—of the leisure companies' travel bonds.

Commenting on the borrowing position, Peats say that "under the Court Line articles of association the group's borrowing powers are restricted to five times the total capital and reserves after deducting good will on consolidation. We have not been able to consider at this stage whether borrowing powers have been exceeded and this should clearly be the subject of separate legal advice".

onn and okyo urged aid deficit ountries

Vashington, Aug 23.—A Consional leader has called on st Germany and Japan to Britain and Italy through r economic difficulties.

Ir Wilbur Mills, chairman of House of Representatives ys and Means Committee, gested that wealthier coun- s make financial loans to ain and Italy rather than hem depend on the United es alone for assistance.

ie Arkansas Democrat, who ed a statement on the situa- , indicated that high admin- tion officials would be ing similar requests in the future.

r Mills had a lengthy dis- ion with President Ford erday and he is a known idant of Mr Arthur Burns, rman of the Federal erve Board.

It is generally known that governments and the econo- s of Italy and England are g through the throes of a cult economic situation that d worsen and even bring lt the collapse of those gov- nents, as well as the nomies of those two coun- ", the statement said.

uch an occurrence would repercussions in the Com- Market and other Euro- countries, but could also an effect in the United es.

Rather than depend on the ted States for loans, which cannot obtain except from rnments, I call upon the tries of Europe and Japan rticularly West Germany— offer financial loans since have an abundance of ars in excess of their irements."

request for such financial was small in return for a iguation of the heavy ex- ditures involved in maintain- American troops in Europe.

The time for action is now. sure others connected with government will be making lar requests in the near ure."—Reuter.

all St slides arly 18pts to ose below 700

ew York, Aug 23.—Wall et prices slumped sharply y. The Dow Jones Indus- l Average closed at 686.80, n 17.83, the first time it has ached 700 since July 8, 1970, n it finished at 682.09.

he last time the industrial rage lost more ground in a le session was on July 8, , when it fell 21.20 points. average has fallen 110 nts in the past 12 sessions.

rokers continue to attribute rout to uncontrolled infla- and a new round of reases in short-term interest s. They say general gloom produced by the drop below early in Friday's session. n there were no signs of port.

hey add that the market line was extended more rply late in the session after White House had said Presi- t Gerald Ford was trying to ay important economic policy nouncements until after his lation summit meeting this umn.

Yesterday's volume on the w York Stock Exchange

GE executive calls for big investment drive

By Clifford Webb

In a remarkably outspoken speech for the visiting head of one of the world's great private enterprise companies, Mr Reginald Jones, chief executive of General Electric of US, blamed attempts to redistribute wealth for much of the present economic problems of Britain and America.

Mr Jones, who was opening a new factory in Staffordshire, said: "The economic problems of the United States are basically those of England and other democracies. We have for too many years been giving top priority to the consumption and redistribution of wealth and ignoring the necessary creation of wealth, which supports our desirable social services.

"We have been penalizing investment, taxing away the savings of business and individuals which are normally invested in new technology, new factories and new jobs. We have been mortgaging our future for the comforts of the present hour."

Although British-born, Mr Jones was careful not to confine his attack on the redistribution of wealth to Britain alone. But it will clearly not be well received by Labour ministers. On the other hand it will be welcomed by CBI leaders.

Mr Jones said the world was not running out of raw materials and resources as the doomsday prophets would have us believe. But it was running out of the capital necessary to develop existing resources.

The United States economy was stagnating, with no growth at all in the first half of the year, when one removed the exaggerations of inflation. Interest rates at 12 per cent were an all-time high and many companies were being pushed to the wall.

Polls showed that 85 per cent of Americans expected rising unemployment and financial difficulties—"a remarkable pessimism in exuberant, optimistic America", he declared.

The underlying problem of nearly all countries was the greater demand being placed on their economies than they could support. The drive for rapid growth, full employment, social welfare and ever-expanding government services, had built a powerful inflationary spiral in every corner of the globe. Prices were soaring at an annual rate of 10 per cent in the United States, 15 per cem in the United Kingdom, 18 per cent in France, 20 per cent in Japan and 35 per cent in Brazil.

Unless urgent steps were taken to slow world wide inflation it would result in economic, social and political breakdown.

Translating this dire prediction into hard facts, he said General Electric's economists had warned a Congressional committee that in the next 12 years American businessmen must raise and invest money at three times the rate achieved in the past 12 years if they were to maintain the present position.

This was at a time when corporate debts had doubled in the same period, and firms were borrowing desperately, merely to get operating funds.

Jointly owned by Tube Investments and GE the new plant will give a 50 per cent increase in production of switch and control gear.

New Guinea threat against Bougainville

By Andrew Wilson

Mr Michael Somare, chief minister of Papua, New Guinea, yesterday threatened legislation unless agreement was reached between his Government and Bougainville Copper, at the next round of talks which are due to begin on September 16.

The company, he said in the House of Assembly in Port Moresby, must grant further concessions to enable the Government to receive a larger proportion of the profits.

He added that Bougainville Copper, where the London-based natural resources group, Rio Tinto Zinc, has a net 43 per cent beneficial interest, had earned a profit of more than 100 per cent on its original equity investment.

In its first full year, Bougainville earned $A158m (£100m) with a production of 183,000 tonnes of copper in concentrate.

But it was pointed out in London yesterday that the original agreement was passed by the House of Assembly in 1967 and before the company had committed $A21m on feasibility studies.

Moreover, Bougainville Copper had put forward proposals which would involve the early termination of the "tax holiday", with payments beginning this year, and not later, as originally agreed.

In addition, out of every $A866 the company earned from the sale of one tonne of copper the PNG Government received $A140 in dividends and, withholding tax, with another $A17 in royalty payments. While no tax was paid last year, the existing agreement would provide the Government, on a full distribution of earnings, to receive more than 60 per cent in later years.

Chrysler disputes will lay off 10,000 next week

By R. W. Shakespeare
Northern Industrial Correspondent

More than 10,000 Chrysler car workers will be laid off next week as a result of the labour disputes that have stopped the American-owned company's car assembly operations in Britain.

All engine production at Chrysler's factory at Stoke (Coventry) will be stopped on Monday morning, but some 4,000 out of the 5,000 workers employed there are being brought in to take inventories and do maintenance work.

Car assembly at the plants at Ryton, Coventry, and Linwood, Renfrewshire, will remain at a standstill, with a total of more than 9,000 workers laid off.

Chrysler's troubles, which are costing some £6m a week in lost production of the Avenger, about 450 men are out at a company that makes plastic components for the entire car range and another 100 at workshops making nuts and bolts. Both groups of workers are seeking wage parity with men in the car assembly and engines factories.

In addition, 320 toolmakers at the two big Coventry assembly and engines factories are imposing an overtime ban in support of their demand for another pay rise, longer holidays and a 35-hour working week. They had their last pay settlement only six weeks ago.

Dispute resolved: A two-week-old strike by 260 workers at British Leyland's Butec factory at Leyland, Lancashire, ended yesterday when the men accepted a wage increase of about £5 for all employees. The workers, who produce electrical equipment for heavy vehicles

Japanese output shows biggest fall in 28 years

New signs of a deepening recession in Japanese industry emerged yesterday. The country's mining and industrial production index suffered its single biggest monthly decline for 28 years. Car production has also slumped.

The mining and industrial index for June slipped 3.5 per cent. The previous largest monthly decline was in August, 1957, when the index dropped 3.2 per cent.

The Ministry of Trade and Industry said most industries showed declines in output although steel, fertilizers and cars did not drop so sharply because of an intensive export drive.

Car production also fell in July, according to the Automobile Manufacturers' Association.

Another German bank closes its doors

Bonn, Aug 23.—A small private West German bank, Bankhaus Wolff KG (Hamburg), ceased trading today, bringing the total of private banks that have gone out of business in the past two months to four.

Wolff returned its banking licence to the federal banking supervisory office, giving "personal grounds" of the owner as the reason, the federal office in West Berlin stated.

The Federation of German Banks in Cologne immediately issued an official assurance that all private depositors and accountholders with Wolff would be fully covered against loss.

According to the bank's present balance, it looked as though Wolff's other creditors would also be satisfied, the Federation said in a public statement.

The bank is 50 per cent in the hands of the Sindona finance group in Milan, the statement said. Its final annual balance sheet amounted to DM55m (about £9m).

Other banks which have closed their doors in West Germany in the past eight weeks are the Herstatt Bank in Cologne, the Frankfurt bank of Bass and Herz, and Bankhaus Wolff KG of Dortmund.

The closure of Wolff, which was not active on a large scale on international money markets is not likely to have any of the repercussions on the German banking community which followed the collapse of Herstatt.

A former senior director of the Dortmund Wolff today disclaimed any connexion with the Hamburg bank with a similar name. He said his bank went into voluntary liquidation and ceased trading on June 30.

Banking sources said the Italian finance group, Sindona, which owned half the Wolff (Hamburg) bank, was itself owned by three Italian and one Swiss bank, and also had connexions with the Franklin National Bank in the United States.

The Sindona group has been in the centre of some controversy recently as a result of its highly-publicized liquidity problems, and speculation over the role of its founder, Signor Michele Sindona in the affairs of Franklin National.

Recently the Sindona group received substantial aid from Italy's state-owned Banco di Roma, but it is believed that the stake in Wolff which was held through a Liechtenstein holding company, was not affected by the aid scheme.

Difficulties as a result of the problems of the Sindona group were one of the reasons for closing cited yesterday by Herr Hans Wolff, the bank's personally liable partner.

700 jobs go in Robertson shake-up

Robertson Foods, the largest producer of preserves in Britain, yesterday announced a thorough reorganization that will lead to more than 700 redundancies.

The company, which makes Golliwog jam and Golden Shred marmalade, is to stop producing at its Paisley preserves factory at the end of October.

Output of Wye Valley canned fruit and vegetables will be transferred from the Hereford area to Bridgwater, while production will be reduced at the company's Manchester plant and enlarged at Bristol.

A total of 700 workers will be made redundant, 500 of them women.

Mr Christopher Robertson, chairman, attributed the shakeout to "recent unprecedented inflation of fruit, sugar, vegetable and packaging costs on the seasonal borrowings of the group, coupled with the high levels of finance required to carry stocks of canned products".

Mr Graham Cunliffe, director and secretary, said: "We have had five price rises on jars in the past 12 months. I don't think any of them have been of less than 10 per cent."

Oranges were up 80 per cent compared with the last growing season, strawberries 90 per cent and raspberries 130 per cent.

Stock Exchange plans 'teach-in' for trade union critics of City

By Terry Byland

There was a sharp response by the Stock Exchange last night to the attack on the City earlier this week by Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC.

The Council of the Stock Exchange announced that it planned to hold a City "teach-in" for leading trade unionists, and had already invited one general secretary (unnamed) to bring senior colleagues to a "frank discussion" on the role of the Stock Exchange.

In answer to Mr Murray's speech, which accused people inside the City of "spreading alarm and despondency", Mr Dundas Hamilton, the deputy chairman of the Stock Exchange, disclosed that on two days of the recent slide in equity prices, the major investment institutions appear to have been buyers of shares, with selling coming from the small investor.

The days referred to were August 14 and August 16, when Mr Hamilton says the number of selling orders greatly exceeded buying orders, although money values almost exactly balanced out.

The balance of buying and selling pressures is not normally disclosed by stock market firms.

Mr Hamilton added that share prices displayed investors' beliefs regarding the future outlook, and he criticized Mr Murray's point that share prices were higher during the three-day working week when "we were not anticipating inflation of 17 per cent to 18 per cent this year, nor had we had the attack on capitalism launched by certain ministers".

Mr Hamilton blames the malaise in share prices on several factors—including political uncertainty, doubts about risk and rewards for investors—and inflation.

He said the Stock Exchange had launched an attempt to improve understanding of the City in both industry and the trade unions.

Commenting on Mr Murray's welcome for the NEDC inquiry into the securities and finance industry, Mr Hamilton pointed out that Mr George Loveday, the chairman of the Stock Exchange, had said the council would welcome an investigation by any politically unbiased and responsible body.

"No doubt", he added, "Mr Murray would take a similar view if the Stock Exchange asked for a review of the TUC's operations in the national interest."

Share prices staged a strong recovery in London yesterday, although turnover was thin. The City's nerves were calmed by publication of a relatively optimistic review of market prospects by the chairman of a leading insurance company.

The *FT* index closed a net 8.5 up at 221.1, after touching 222 earlier. *The Times* index added 2.63 to 87.02.

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Holiday tour group has £187,000 net loss on year

Another holiday tours group, Monitor Holidays, made a net loss, after extraordinary items, of £187,000 in the year to end January.

Monitor, formerly Warner Holidays, said that the decision to close down the operation of Vista Tours, the overseas holidays subsidiary, which was announced last month, made it necessary to provide for terminal costs of £226,000 in addition to a final trading loss of £198,000 after attributable tax relief.

But thanks to the United Kingdom holiday camp activities, pre-tax profits for the year amounted to £387,000 (£525,000) which have been struck after a provision for non-recurring claims of £144,000, most of which relates to a disputed value-added tax assessment.

Llanwern steelmen call off strike

Operations at the British Steel Corporation's cold rolling mill at Llanwern will return to normal tomorrow after 550 workers who have been on strike since last week voted to return to work.

At the Cottam power station in the Trent Valley, Nottinghamshire, 500 men agreed yesterday to end their six-day strike and return to work today.

Volvo order for UK

Cam Gears, the Hitchin, Hertfordshire, company, has won a £9m export order with Volvo, the Swedish car manufacturers. It will supply power and manual rack and pinion steering and suspension components for the new Volvo 240 and 264 series of saloon and estate cars.

The company received the Queen's Award for export achievement this year—with export sales reaching £7.25m in 1973, which was 32 per cent of total sales.

Thorn factory scheme

Thorn Electrical Industries announced yesterday that it plans to build a substantial manufacturing plant on an 18-acre site at Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire. Initially the development is expected to provide 150 new jobs.

Assurance injunction

At the instigation of the Department of Trade, the Attorney General has secured a High Court injunction preventing Red Rovers (Car Recovery Services, a Daventry company) from entering into any life assurance business.

Rolls payout ruling

A decision has been made by the Inland Revenue to treat the 25p a share distribution to Rolls-Royce shareholders in February as a part disposal of shares which will give rise to a chargeable gain or an allowable loss for the year 1973/74.

CFP may sell offshoot

Low Italian oil prices mean Compagnie Francaise des Pétroles SA may be forced to sell Total Italiana, its Italian subsidiary, the company said yesterday.

Franklin outflow

Franklin National Bank lost $65m in deposits in the week ended August 21, according to the New York Clearing House Association, the *New York Times* reported yesterday.

Trinidad oil takeover

Shell is to sell its production, refining and marketing

How the markets moved

The Times index: 87.02 +2.63
FT index: 221.1 +8.5

Rises

Ass Food	6p to 50p	Inchcape	10p to 240p
Broken Hill	10p to 470p	Lloyds Bk	12p to 165p
BP	8p to 290p	Ldn Brick	4p to 28p
Clark & Fenn	3½p to 30p	Millord Docks	13p to 85p
Felixstowe Dock	10p to 85p	Pilkington Bros	10p to 198p
Glaxo Hldgs	10p to 262p	Ralli Secs	1½p to 10p
Horizon Mid	4p to 18p	Wigfall, H.	13p to 87p

Falls

Bk of NSW	10p to 365p	Greensquare	2p to 19p
Bowring	3p to 28p	Morris & Blakey	4p to 32p
Commerzbank	10p to 690p	Peko Wallsend	5p to 230p
Counitsyside	2p to 20p	Tootal	2½p to 24½p
Francis Parker	3p to 14p	UK Props	1p to 9p
Foster, H.	7p to 93p	Western Areas	5p to 525p
Grootvlei	20p to 350p	Warrington, T.	2p to 23p

Equities moved up strongly.
Gilt-edged securities were quiet.
Sterling gained 60 points on the day to close at $2.3200 yesterday.
Gold fell by 5½ to $154½ yesterday.

SDR-$ was 1.18733 on Friday while SDR-£ was 0.513174.
Commodities: Reuters' commodity index rose by 2.4 points to 1,273.1 yesterday.

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.61	1.56
Austria Sch	44.75	42.75
Belgium Fr	95.25	92.50
Canada $	2.31	2.26
Denmark Kr	14.35	13.95
Finland Mkk	8.90	8.65
France Fr	11.35	11.05
Germany DM	6.25	6.05
Greece Dr	75.00	71.50
Hong Kong $	12.10	11.75
Italy Lr	1645.0	1595.00
Japan Yn	730.00	705.00
Netherlands Gld	6.35	6.15
Norway Kr	13.05	12.70
Portugal Esc	63.50	59.50
S Africa Rd	1.97	1.89
Spain Pes	134.00	130.00
Sweden Kr	10.55	10.25
Switzerland Fr	7.15	6.90
US $	2.36	2.31
Yugoslavia Dnr	37.00	35.00

Rates for bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

Grouse

Gradually, insurance companies are getting the message that the insuring public is heartily sick of paying good money for cover and then being shown tiresome exclusions when a claim is made. At long last, some insurers are appreciating that it is cheaper (and much better for good will) to give the cover than to become involved in lengthy correspondence. But, as school reports used to say, there is "room for improvement".

A typical case is a householder's car having a contretemps with the garage door. How it occurs is immaterial. The house and outbuildings are covered against impact damage—and so there should be no problems.

Some insurers will pay up. Others, however, cover "impact by any road vehicle, horse or cattle not belonging to or under the control of the assured or any member of the assured's household"—or words to that effect.

With such a policy if you run into your own house or garage door, with the car, you cannot claim on your household policy. If a friend, the milkman, or anybody else, causes the same kind of damage you could claim on the policy. In that case, you do not need the cover so much because, provided the person in question had been negligent, you would be able to claim off him or his insurers.

Having had a rebuff from the household insurers, it is reasonable to think that there will be cover under one's comprehensive motor policy. After all, the premium is likely to be higher than for insuring the building. So, prepared to lose one's no-claim discount, one tries those insurers.

They should agree to pay for the cost of repairing the car. But, if it is the garage door which has come off worst, they will decline. They will point out that the third party section of the policy covers your legal liability for damage. And you cannot claim against yourself.

Of course, it would be very different if you damaged somebody else's garage door, garepost, or whatever. Then, provided it was caused by your negligence (which is not necessarily a foregone conclusion), your insurers would pay up.

So, the insurers should settle if a friend damages your garage door, or if you damage his. But both of you may have household policies which deny you compensation if you run into your own garage doors.

It is time that more insurers woke up to the fact they depend for their personal business on ordinary men and women, who are fallible, and who want protection if things go wrong. Why differentiate between who damages the garage doors? Surely it is only encouraging some policy holders to twist the events so that they fit the cover.

To have two policies, neither of which covers a minor event like that, does nothing to impress the average citizen about the value of insurance.

Sensible cover coupled with prompt and sympathetic claims handling is better than expensive promotion and advertising. There are still too many insurers who have to learn this lesson.

Car insurance

If a 'driverless' car strikes

It's easy enough to think that, if you are involved in an accident on the road, for which you were in no way to blame, you will be able to recover the full cost of the repairs to your car from the other motorist's insurers, and your no-claim discount will not be affected.

Alternatively, if your insurers and the offending motorist's insurers operate a knock-for-knock agreement, although your repairs will be paid for by your insurers, you will be able to recover the amount of any excess from the other insurers. So, here again, your no-claim discount will not be affected.

It is this kind of reasoning which makes some motorists cut down their motor insurance cover—to, say, third party, fire and theft—to reduce the expense.

Unfortunately, it does not always work out quite so neatly in practice. It is quite possible that although one's own car may be damaged through no fault of one's own, it may be impossible to make a recovery from the other motorist's insurers, however perfectly reputable and absolutely sound they may be.

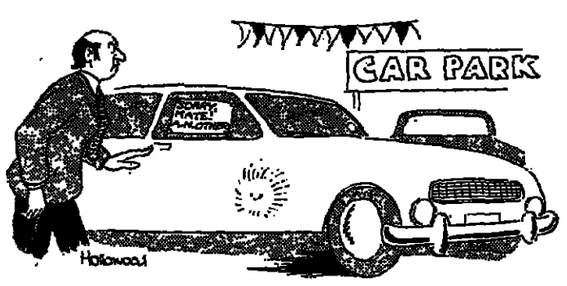
The first and obvious pitfall is that one's car may be the victim of a "hit and run" driver while it was parked. Clearly the other motorist was solely to blame in this kind of incident. If, however, he has not left a note of apology (with his name and address) and nobody standing near by at the time had the wit to take the number of his car, one may have to grin and bear it.

Where personal injury is caused by a hit and run driver, a claim can be made against the Motor Insurers' Bureau and, if successful, the cost will be shared among all motor insurers if there is no means of tracing which company or syndicate of underwriters insured the car which caused the injury. Unfortunately, there is no similar "long-stop" for damage to the car. Either you claim on your own policy (provided, of course, it covers you for accidental damage), or you meet the cost out of your own pocket.

Apart from that, there are other accidents where, although one may have been in no way to blame, no recovery can be made from the other side.

The point to remember is that one has to prove that the other motorist was negligent—and this is not always as easy as it sounds.

Take this case, for example. A car was being driven up an incline towards a road junction, when a car was seen to be coming in the opposite direction, diagonally across the road towards the car going uphill.



"Clearly the other motorist was solely to blame in this kind of incident".

The driver going up the incline could not see the driver of the other car, but tried to take evasive action by sounding his horn and pulling into the left as far as possible. When he saw there still would not be room for the car coming downhill to pass, he came to a halt and tried to reverse down the hill. Before he could retreat, the other car had struck his own.

Naturally, the first driver got out of his car, ready to do battle with the other motorist—but saw that the other was lying unconscious across the front two seats of the car.

In fact, he was not seriously ill. He recovered before the arrival of the police and the ambulance. He seemed to have had a blackout, and could not remember anything about the incident after the moment when he was waiting to turn at the junction.

Naturally, a claim was made against the insurers of the "driverless" car. They looked into their policyholder's medical background and it seemed clear that he had had no warning of the blackout which overtook him; and there was nothing in his medical history to warn him that this could happen.

In view of this, the insurers would not accept that the policyholder had acted negligently, and they repudiated liability.

Although it may appear to be hard on the innocent motorist whose car was damaged, the insurers were not being sharp in any way. It is more than likely that their view would have been upheld if they had been taken to court.

It is because one may be involved in accidents of this type on the road, even if not quite so dramatic, that it can be unwise to dispense with accidental damage cover on the car unless you are prepared to meet the cost of repairs from your own resources if this should prove necessary.

On the other hand, there was a case where a motorist fell asleep while driving and, as a result, ran into a party of soldiers marching along the road. Subsequently, this driver was convicted of driving without due care and attention.

The court found that, if anyone who is driving becomes drowsy, he has a duty to stop (and thus can be shown to have been negligent if he failed to do so). On the other hand, if someone, through no fault of his own, becomes unconscious while driving—perhaps as a result of suddenly being taken ill, or being struck by a stone—he ought not to be held liable at criminal law.

So, for a motorist whose car is damaged by a "driverless" car, whether it will be possible to make a recovery from the other side is likely to depend on how the driver got into that state, rather than how his car behaved on the road immediately before impact.

John Drummond

Pensions

Looking forward to an early retirement?

The Conservatives, this week, have reaffirmed their faith in Sir Keith Joseph's Social Security Act, 1973, which promised two pensions for all. There are to be some improvements, however, notably in securing better pension rights for women.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the shadow Social Services Secretary, also commented upon the "substantial arguments" for a more flexible retirement age. This week Eric Brunet examines some of the existing problems of early retirement.

The majority of pension schemes include a provision for retirement from the scheme with the consent of the employer before the normal retiring date.

There are two main reasons why an individual may wish to retire prematurely and why his employer may wish to allow him to do so. He may be unwell and incapable of doing his job as efficiently as he used to, or even of doing it at all. It is important, however, to remember that it is not only incapacity from working which makes it desirable for an employee to retire early but also any significant reduction in ability or difficulty in adapting to new circumstances. In such cases, early retirement, with the blessing of management, might be considered the best solution.

Where a person is unable to work at all as a result of ill health, it makes very good sense that he should be placed on immediate pension; the alternative is that he should struggle on with some sort of long-term sickness benefit, and he may suffer considerable hardship in the years before his normal retiring date.

It is precisely these people who need to be looked after when they chance to fall ill, because their prospects of enjoying a long old age, in which they can do the sort of thing normally associated with retirement, are diminished by their incapacity.

The same problem arises under any State Scheme where the retirement pension is related to earnings but the sickness benefit is not, or is related to earnings only for a relatively short period of sickness. In these circumstances there is a gap between the termination of the earnings related sickness benefit and the commencement of retirement pension at ages 60 or 65 as the case may be.

As far as the scheme managers are concerned there is a problem in providing sufficient resources within a scheme to give the members an adequate pension on early retirement. This is because the amount of money which may be paid into a scheme is controlled by the amount of pension which is expected to be paid and the scheme is not normally allowed to accumulate additional money to pay for the cost of possible premature retirements.

The employer may, of course, pay extra money into the scheme after members have retired to make up the short-fall which arises in the scheme from the provision of more generous benefits than have in fact been secured for them; but this is not a solution which is likely to commend itself to prudent fund managers because it involves creating a deficit and eliminating it at a later date. It is one of the normal principles of prudent management of financial resources that provision should be made, if possible, in advance.

The real problem is that the amount of pension which can be paid, without extra cost, to a man from a date before his normal date of retirement is relatively small partly because he is younger (although if retirement is by reason of ill-health, this is not likely to increase the cost much) and partly because the period over which contributions have been paid for him and interest earned has been shorter.

In the normal case therefore the amount of pension which can be provided is disappointingly small and in the case of a man retiring any substantial length of time before the normal retirement date it may be quite insignificant.

This creates particular problems for any member retiring in circumstances of ill health when the employer is likely to wish to treat him more generously and indeed when the Inland Revenue limits are most generous.

As far as the Inland Revenue are concerned there is a distinct differentiation between the position of people leaving in ill health and that of those who leave for any other reason. In the case, however, of a person who is made redundant in his late fifties, for example, it is doubtful to what extent the Inland Revenue's reasoning—that it is possible to obtain another job to make up the balance of the pension—can really hold water.

There is, however, the distinction that the maximum pension which may be paid to a person who retires as a result of ill health is the full amount of pension which would have been payable at the normal retirement date if the member had remained in service until then at the same salary. If retirement is for any other reason, the maximum is a proportion of this expected pension for full service, corresponding to his service to the date of his actual retirement.

One ought in fairness to say that the Inland Revenue take a realistic view of this particular problem, and, where members retire prematurely as a result of redundancy but at a relatively advanced age and in circumstances where it seems unlikely that they will be able to find other employment, the provision of a larger amount of benefit than the normal rules suggest may very well be approved.

This is not an entirely satisfactory situation, since it is only if the rules have been drawn in a way which provides this flexibility that advantage can be taken of the lenience of the Inland Revenue in this situation.

The differential treatment of premature retirement and of normal retirement highlights the importance of specifying the correct normal retirement date. If an employer selects a date of, for example, age 65, although many of his employees in fact retire at 60, he will find that, when he comes to retire his employees at age 60, he will be unable to provide them with a pension of two thirds of their final remuneration; the maximum the Inland Revenue will allow will be that proportion of two-thirds which corresponds to the service up to age 60.

Thus a man who enters service at age 25 would only be able to have 35/60ths (because he will have served 35 years instead of the 40 he would have completed up to age 65) instead of the 40/60ths or two-thirds he would have been able to receive if age 60 had been chosen as his normal retirement date according to the rules of the scheme.

The only exception to this is the case where the member has actually completed 40 years' service, in which case he may be allowed to receive the full two-thirds, although the date of retirement may be earlier than the normal date written into the rules.

Insurance

A home for your children

When your children are driving you to distraction this Bank Holiday, probably the last thing you will want to be reminded of is how life assurance can be used for their benefit. Indeed, at all times, comparatively little attention is paid to helping children—apart from meeting the cost of school fees and seeing that they will be well provided for in the event of the premature death of their father.

At one stage, it was quite a popular arrangement for godparents and others faced with giving regular presents to a child to take a life policy so that, say, at the age of 21 the child could take a cash sum or arrange life assurance for himself on advantageous terms.

With this type of arrangement, if the policy is arranged on the life of the donor, the normal relief of income tax can be claimed on the premiums, and the child will not lose out if the donor should die during the premium paying period.

This is fine as far as it goes, but one of the major problems which today's child is likely to encounter in the future is buying a house. In the same way that parents plan ahead to meet school fees, there is much to be said for trying to help a child with the question of house purchase—by putting aside money regularly towards a tax efficient life assurance policy.

This is the thinking behind the Commercial Union's Home Depositmaker policy. There is nothing which is particularly new from the technical point of view. Rather, the company is using established life assurance principles to help a child in the future. But, should there be some emergency before then, a parent can get his hands on the money.

As its name implies, the aim of the policy is simply to build up a sum which can be taken after the policy has been running for 10 years and can be used by a child as a deposit on his or her first house.

Clearly, one of the problems lies in deciding how much will be needed for the deposit on a house at some indefinite date in the future. As a guide, the Commercial Union says that, if current bonus rates are maintained, £12 a month would produce £1,720 after 10 years, or £5,134 after 20 years.

The policy can be taken out on behalf of a child who is not over the age of 15—provided he or she is in good health. The question of health is relevant, because the Commercial Union does more than guarantee that a figure will be available for a deposit. The child has the option not only to take the cash for the deposit, but also to arrange in his own name a further policy to repay the loan in due course.

The catch lies in the fact that the Commercial Union does not undertake to provide the loan which will be needed to buy the house. Under the first policy it simply provides a sum which one hopes will be enough for the deposit and gives the right to take a further policy to repay the loan—without the "child" having to provide any evidence of health when this second policy is arranged.

The second policy can be for up to nine times the cash value of the first policy at the time. So, if £3,000 can be taken as a deposit from the first policy, the second policy could be arranged to repay a loan of up to £27,000. Premium rates for the second policy would be those applying at the time. They are not guaranteed in advance.

It is a condition that the new policy must be used as security for a first mortgage and it will be given without medical evidence only if, at the time, the "child" is still under the age of 30. Also, it must not run for more than 30 years.

In order not to deter the parents of daughters from taking out this type of policy, the Commercial Union is saying that the right to take the second policy can pass to her husband, if it is exercised within one year of marriage.

Although the first policy may be taken out with the object of providing the deposit for a house for a son or daughter, that is not part of the contract, and so one may come up against the problem of gifts tax equivalent at the time.

This is because, altho policy will show the name, it is only the par takes it out who may This does provide the sa that, if one should r difficult times ahea policy can be cashed flexibility could prove t important.

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The important point any option for the future one is not obliged to Often, in insurance, th better opportunities in t market, with the result may be best not to option.

Round-up

New Barclaycard guarantee

At long last Barclays Bank customers are to get a cheque guarantee service. The absence of this facility—where a cheque card is used to guarantee cheque payment for up to £30—has been sorely missed by some clients as more and more retailers have come to demand a cheque guarantee card as a prerequisite to accepting a cheque.

Before the advent of Access, cheque guarantee cards were the other clearing banks' answer to the Barclaycard credit card. But rather than issue a separate cheque guarantee card Barclays is building the guarantee facility into the Barclaycard as from September 2.

Doubtless some bank customers who have so far resisted the pressures to hold a credit card will be dismayed that the new service is inseparable from the Barclaycard credit card, but the majority will be pleased that the anomaly whereby a Barclaycard which could be used to buy several hundred pounds' worth of goods was an insufficient guarantee for obtaining a mere £30 worth of goods by a cheque payment will now be removed.

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Not surprisingly the unit trust industry is in the doldrums at the moment. Sales which tend to reflect the level of activity on the stock market, were a mere £12m gross last month once special fact been discounted.

Repurchases, which similar distortions, emerged at £9.6m whic too disheartenigly from the level of recen The main exodus of un occurred in March repurchases were £13.4

However, at the n sales were under £3m, th level for three years. Th groups are still in the but many of the small must by now be in a net tion situation where rep exceed new business.

On offer this week Hill Samuel Life A annuities.

Panel products
Hardwoods
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A busy and successful year

	1974 £	1973 £
Turnover	20,583,000	14,231,000
Profit after taxation	806,000	992,000
Gross Dividends	193,000	183,000
Additions to reserves	671,000	745,000

- We are fortunate to be trading in a material which is so adaptable, economical of energy, and acceptable in environmental terms.
- All things considered, current sales continue at a reasonable level, and there is abundant evidence that timber and panel products have taken a bigger share of the construction market.
- This will be a year of consolidation for us and a cautious approach to trading is indicated. Profits will be harder to earn. Nevertheless we hope that our customers will be encouraged by the much more stable pattern of timber prices which is now emerging.
- Over the last ten years sales have increased by 336%; profit after taxation by 463%, and shareholders' funds by 293%.

Michael Latham, Chairman.

Leeside Wharf, Clapton, London E5 9NG

Law

How fair rents are determined

This is the third article in a series of rented accommodation.

The emergency freeze on residential rents will last until December 31; it is a moot point whether Parliament will consider extending it. The present gloom contrasts with the optimism of Parliament in 1957 which naively proposed to dispense with rent control. This was followed by eight years of chaos, during which rents of lettings made before 1957 remained pegged, but everyone else had to cope with a free market in rental values.

Before 1965 there was no ceiling on the rent which could be asked on a new letting, and the landlord could also charge a premium, or cash payment, in addition to rent. The 1965 Act introduced the "regulated" tenancy under which a fair rent has to be paid. These are reviewable every three years.

By July 1, 1975, all controlled rents should be converted into fair rents. For controlled tenants (whose occupation goes back to 1957 or longer) this has meant a substantial increase in rent, often four-fold, but cushioned by phasing the increase over two years.

Before the conversion controlled rents were geared to twice the gross value of their accommodation as shown on the rating valuation list. If the landlord undertook internal decoration as well as repairs, it could be slightly higher; if the tenant was responsible for certain repairs, it could be lower. Where a landlord spent money on improvements, 12½ per cent of his outlay could generally be added to the rent. A contribution could also be added for any services provided by the landlord, such as central heating or porterage, in addition to the rates.

As from August 15, most furnished tenants too will be subject to fair rents (where their landlord does not live in the same building). Moreover, the recent extension in scope of rent control which now applies to all rented houses and flats with a ratable value of up to £1,500 in Greater London or £750 in the rest of the country, means that all, save the most expensive accommodation, has been brought within the fair rent system.

What is a fair rent, and how is it determined?

There is an independent rent officer appointed for each local authority and it is his job to determine and register what is a fair rent. If his decision is not acceptable to both landlord and tenant, either can appeal before a rent assessment committee. This too is independent with a lawyer as chairman, a surveyor and a lay member.

A fair rent is based on the hypothetical assumption that there is no scarcity of accommodation in the locality. This means that the notion of a market rent is excluded. (It contrasts with the protection given to business tenants where, if local demand exceeds supply, the rent will jump accordingly. Subject to the current freeze ending in June, 1975, if he wants to stay on, the business tenant must be prepared to pay the market rent.)

In assessing a fair rent, the rent officer must take into account the state of repair of the accommodation, its age and character. Also the locality and all other relevant circumstances must be considered. He will, of course, make a comparison with similar lettings in the area for which a fair rent has already been assessed. He must ignore any personal circumstances of either landlord or tenant, but will take into account all services provided by the landlord.

It may be that the tenant has made improvements over and above his legal obligations. These are not taken into account but the rent officer would generally assess at a lower figure than if the landlord had carried out the improvements. Similarly, the rent officer will not take into account any disrepair due to the tenant's own failure to comply with his obligations under his agreement. Here the landlord is obviously not at fault, and there would be no reason for reducing the assessment.

Where furnished tenants have full protection under the new Act and are now subject to the fair rent procedure, the circumstances which will be considered in determining a fair rent are extended to include the quantity, quality and the condition of furniture. But the rent officer must disregard any deterioration in the condition of furniture due to ill-treatment by the tenant.

Once assessed, the rent is registered and this remains the maximum rent that can be charged until it is revoked or varied or altered by the rent assessment committee on appeal. An application to change it cannot normally be made until three years after the date of the last registration, save on the ground that it is no longer a fair rent, for example if the landlord has made improvements to the premises.

Because of the present freeze, no new rent increase which is registered will take effect until after December 31, 1974, but this does not affect any increase due to rates or relating to the cost of any improvement (but not services) provided by the landlord.

An application to a rent officer to fix a fair rent may be made on the prescribed form available from the local authority, either by the landlord or the tenant, or sometimes by the local authority itself, where a tenant applies for a rent allowance. On it the applicant must propose the rent that he suggests is fair and it is up to the rent officer to decide whether he agrees with it.

Sometimes the landlord invites the tenant to make an application jointly with him for registration of a fair rent. The danger here for the tenant is that if the rent officer considers the rent proposed in a joint application fair, no appeal is permitted to the rent assessment committee. Again no appeal is allowed if the rent officer accepts as fair the rent proposed by the landlord, unless the tenant has made a representation in writing against the amount proposed.

Where the rent officer is not satisfied that the rent specified in the application is a fair rent, or if the tenant challenges it in writing, the rent officer must call a hearing. This involves an informal meeting called a consultation, at which the tenant does not need to be represented by a professional person such as a lawyer or surveyor.

However, if there is an appeal to the rent assessment committee, any tenant of limited means can apply for assistance at a nominal charge under the surveyors' aid scheme, forms for which are available through any citizen's advice bureau. In practice the average tenant can get skilled help most cheaply by joining a tenants' association.

Paradoxically, anyone living in accommodation prov a housing association, o authority, or other publ has no security of although in practice tenant would rarely be

Although council have no actual legal pr their rents are sub approval by the Rent Board. If their income they can qualify for rebate as well as rates In the case of ten private landlords, they obtain a rent allowanc their local authority if th difficulty in affordin rent. Under the new R these rebates and all are now available to under 30.

Clearly it would be an of rent control if the could charge a lump premium at the start tenancy in addition t Under the Rent Acts, lord is not permitted to a premium as well as r to do so is an offence able by a fine. Neverth tenant who pays key m not breaking the law and can, after taking tion, claim it back. He d by so doing, lose his pr tenancy.

Sometimes a landlord to disguise a premium ing it "a loan" or by it that the prospective buys furniture or such an inflated price. He tenant can claim back w has paid over and abo true worth of the fur Since a landlord who sells ture to a tenant must gi an inventory showing the of each item, this should too difficult to ascertain any case the local authori give a valuation.

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Investor's week

Rebound • The insurance jitters

Shares of the composite insurance companies have been very much in the van of this week's market recovery. And that is something that should be little surprise.

The sector had been heavily depressed over the previous couple of weeks by persistent rumours that one of the major companies, one of the household names of the industry, was in serious difficulties. Although, on the face of it at least, it seemed inconceivable that a major insurance group should be facing problems on the kind of scale that might make it impossible for it to continue to trade, the persistence of the rumours has undoubtedly been very unsettling.

Whether or not the rumours have any foundation—and I repeat that this seems highly unlikely in the case of the major companies—it is worth asking what it is that has been worrying the market about insurance companies.

The short answer is solvency margins. Basically, the solvency margin is the minimum amount of free reserves—essentially shareholders' funds—that a company is required to hold in relation to the amount of business it writes.

Although a 10 per cent margin is the minimum required by law—probably to rise to 16 per cent fairly soon, together with more stringent rules for valuing assets—no major insurance company would dream of operating on such a thin margin. Most in the industry would aim to keep their minimum margin at no less than 25-30 per cent, and for most companies the margin is generally very much higher.

The key to the size of the solvency margin at any given moment, however, is very much determined by the rise and fall in the value of a group's reserves, as affected by the rise and fall in the value of the assets in which it is invested. When stock market and property values were soaring in 1972 the solvency margins of many companies went up into the 70-80 per cent bracket.

By the same token, the subsequent slump in prices has probably halved the average solvency margin. Commercial Union, for instance, recently revealed that its solvency margin had dropped to the upper twenties and, partly in an attempt to improve this position, CU is now trying to take over St Martins Property Corporation at a price well below the underlying value of St Martins' assets.

Provided, then, that the equity and property markets do not suffer a further serious relapse, there seems little reason to heed any of the recent rumours—at least about the major companies. Nor, provided there is no great need to pump large sums into less sound companies, is there any reason to doubt the continuing liquid strength of the composites.

The acute depression in the stock market at the beginning of last week seems to have touched the major institutions on a tender spot. Vigorous statements from the heavyweights of the insurance industry evidently helped to restore confidence. By last night's close, the equity market had climbed back to round 12 per cent above Monday's low points.

But last week's recovery phase owed much to the bear closers. Official turnover figures show that equity turnover averaged under £40m daily, and trading died off as the market recovered. So "technical rally" seems a justifiable description, for the time being.

It does seem, however, that the market has now discounted a fairly pronounced move towards recession. If—and it is an important if—the announcements from the insurance world prove finally to have dispelled City fears of further financial crashes, then the stock market could bottom out around present levels.

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UNIT TRUSTS : Growth and Specialist Funds (progress this year and in past three years). Unitholder Index 1,195.2, 23.4% fall from January 1, 1974 :

Growth	A	B
Unicorn Prof Assns	3.5	—
Vav Capital Acc	1.3	−10.3
Brandts Capital	1.1	−10.6
Drayton International	−6.8	−3.1
Slater Walker Acc	−9.6	−5.2
New Court Smllr Cos	−9.6	—
New Court Equity	−10.4	−27.2
Slater Walker Assts	−14.0	−2.4
Stratton	−14.2	−25.4
M & G Magnum	−14.8	8.4
Slater Walker Grwth	−15.0	−9.1
Salter Walker Prof	−15.4	—
Sebag Capital	−16.2	—
M & G Compound	−16.4	−3.5
L & C Unit Trust	−16.6	—
S Walker Stats Chng	−16.9	—
Oceanic Performanc	−17.3	−25.9
British Life Capital	−17.4	−29.9
B L Opportunity	−17.8	−14.9
Shield	−18.1	−23.8
Friars House	−18.9	—
Oceanic Progressive	−18.9	−31.7
Talisman	−18.9	−19.6
Coyne Growth	−19.9	−46.3
Hambro 2nd Smaller	−20.0	—
Unicorn Recovery	−20.3	−32.8
Special Situations	−20.3	−33.8
Stockholders	−20.8	−32.9
M & G Recovery	−21.0	21.1
Vav Personal Prtflio	−21.3	9.5
Marlborough	−22.3	—
G T Capital	−22.9	−22.7
M & G Special	−23.4	−5.1
Nat West Capital	−23.9	−29.8
Oceanic Recovery	−24.1	−35.1
Hambro Acc	−24.6	—
Schroder Capital	−24.7	−44.4
M & G Conversn Gr	−24.7	—
Drayton Growth	−24.9	−22.4
First National Grwth	−25.8	−22.5
Bridge Capital	−26.6	−32.0
S & P Scotfunds	−27.2	−5.5
Hambros Recovery	−27.9	−28.6
Jessel Cap Growth	−28.2	−18.0
Morgan Grenfel Cap	−29.0	−29.2
Abacus Growth	−29.1	−33.1
Target Growth	−29.1	−44.0
Capital Priority	−29.5	−35.9
S & P Scotgrowth	−29.9	−32.3
Tyndall Capital	−30.0	−42.6
Tyndall Nt & Co C	−30.2	−43.6
Jascot Compound	−30.3	—
Key Private Invest	−30.8	—
S & P Ebor Sict Gr	−30.9	—
Key Capital	−31.1	−40.1
S & P Capital	−31.3	−40.9
S & P Ebor Cp Ac	−31.8	−39.5
NPI Growth	−32.0	−34.7
Unicorn Grwth Ac	−32.8	−41.5
Abbey Capital	−33.2	—
Hambro Smllr Co's	−33.2	−34.5
Vanguard Growth	−33.4	−45.4
Confederation Grth	−33.8	—
Trident Perform	−33.9	−19.1
EP Growth	−37.6	−48.4
Portfolio Capital	−38.4	−44.6
P & M Growth	−38.6	−50.4
Crescent Growth	−47.2	−53.0
Canlife Income	−8.2	—
Ionian Income	−8.3	—
G T Income	−8.6	—
Brandts Income	−11.0	−25.1
Schroder Income	−12.2	−33.8
Sebag Income	−12.8	—
Merlin High Yield	−14.5	—
Charterhouse In	−14.7	−27.4
S. Walker High In	−15.0	−2.5
Hill Samuel High Y	−15.2	—
National Hgh In	−16.5	−4.0
Clyde High Income	−17.3	−15.3
Archway Income	−17.4	−25.2
Jessel Extra Inc	−18.3	−11.9
Piccadilly Extra In	−18.4	−10.6
M & G Convers In	−18.4	—
Oceanic High Inc	−18.5	−24.2
Tyndall Nat & Co I	−18.8	−29.9
Jessel Income	−18.9	−6.9
S & P Ebor Sict In	−19.5	—
Target Income	−19.6	−30.8
Mutual High Yield	−19.7	1.8
Framlington Inc	−19.9	—
Drayton Income	−20.2	−26.3
Abacus Income	−20.9	−18.6
M & G Dividend	−21.0	−26.4
Key Income	−21.0	−34.0
Allied High Inc	−21.6	−14.0
Vavasseur H Inc	−21.9	−19.3
Unicorn Extra In	−22.4	—
Crescent High Dstbn	−23.0	−27.3
Nat West Income	−23.3	−37.0
S & P Scotyields	−23.8	−34.2
High Incom Priority	−24.1	−27.7
S & P Income	−24.1	−35.8
S & P High Yield	−24.5	−32.2
Abbey Income	−24.9	—
Allied Equity Incom	−25.1	−27.7
British Life Dividnd	−25.4	−21.7
Hill Samuel Income	−25.4	−41.6
Bridge Income	−25.8	1.3
M & G Extra Yield	−26.0	—
Trident Income	−26.1	−24.5
P & M Income	−26.1	−32.0
Morgan Grenfell In	−26.5	—
Mutual Income	−26.6	−23.9
Lloyds Bank Third	−27.0	−34.5
Tyndall Income	−28.2	−38.7
Hambro Income	−28.8	−30.2
Unicorn Income	−29.0	−30.0
S & P Ebr High Rtrn	−29.9	−23.1
S & P Scotincome	−31.4	−29.6

SPECIALIST	A	B
Jessel Gold & Gen	25.0	75.2
GT US & General	10.7	—
GT Japan & General	10.5	—
Drayton Com & Gen	8.4	59.9
Hambro Exempt	2.3	—
Barbican Eur Exempt	2.0	—
Nat Naturl Resources	−0.7	10.2
Target Preference	−1.5	−24.7
New Court Exempt	−1.6	−17.1
Ionian Foreign	−1.6	—
London & Brussels	−1.7	—
S. Walker Financial	−2.1	18.9
Gartmore European	−2.8	—
Hill Samuel Dollar	−3.3	−9.7
Met Mins & Comms	−4.8	−12.3
Sec Sel Univ Gth	−6.0	—
Vavasseur Internat	−6.9	−1.3
Gartmore Overseas	−7.1	—
Charterhouse Europ	−7.5	—
S&P Ebor Commody	−7.6	20.1
Rowan Internat	−8.7	—
Oceanic Overseas	−8.7	−9.5
Jascot Commodity	−9.0	−8.9
S&P Japan Growth	−10.2	52.5
Jascot Preference	−10.5	—
JL Int Consumer	−10.7	−25.0
S&P Europn Grwth	−10.9	5.5
S&P Ebor Cmd Pnsn	−11.1	28.9
M&G Japan	−11.2	69.4
Jascot Internat	−11.3	−15.8
Schroder Europe	−11.5	13.1
Vavasseur N Amer	−12.1	—
Talisman Int	−13.2	—
Hill Samuel Fincl	−13.5	−34.3
Vavasseur Aust	−13.6	—
Hill Samuel Int	−13.8	−19.1
Vavasseur Financial	−14.6	−10.1
Morgan Grenfell Ex	−14.8	—
National Natbifs	−15.0	−25.3
Secs of America	−15.1	−26.0
Jessel Commodity	−15.1	6.4
M&G European	−15.7	—
New Court Int	−15.7	—
Oceanic Financial	−15.8	−27.5
Drayton FITS	−15.8	−29.0
Henderson Gross	−16.0	−25.4
Trident Internatnl	−16.0	−20.4
Bridge Exempt	−16.8	—
Jessel Plant & Gen	−16.9	4.4
Charterhouse FITS	−17.0	—
Target International	−17.2	—
Vavassr Oil & Nt Rs	−17.2	−19.3
Target Inv Trust	−17.4	−41.5
London Wall Int	−18.3	−35.6
M & G Supertrust	−18.6	—
Jessel Global	−18.6	−0.7
Target Exempt	−19.0	−27.4
Jessel Aus & Gen	−19.1	—
Practical	−19.5	−41.7
Vavasseur European	−20.0	—
Metropolitan Exmpt	−20.2	—
Universal	−20.3	−34.9
Bishopsgate Intrntnl	−20.5	—
Unicorn Worldwide	−20.9	—
Abacus Arbut Inter	−21.0	—
Gt W'n'lie'r Ovrseas	−21.4	—
S & P Scotmpt Grth	−22.1	−20.0
Schroder Pns & Crty	−22.5	−39.1
S & P Scotdaps	−22.7	−27.1
S & P Ebor Universl	−22.7	17.4
Granchester Fund	−22.9	—
Minster Exempt	−22.9	—
S & P Scotxmpt Yld	−23.3	−32.8
Abbey Invest Trust	−23.4	—
Unicorn Australia	−23.6	−21.3
National Gas & Pwr	−23.6	−25.5
Crescent International	−23.6	−18.8
Oceanic Investment	−24.1	−48.0
M & G Inv Trust	−24.2	−39.7
Bridge Overseas	−24.4	—
Oceanic Exempt	−24.6	—
M & G Far Eastern	−24.7	—
S & P US Growth	−24.9	−39.2
Jessel Exempt	−24.9	—
Key Exempt	−25.9	—
Jascot Australian	−25.9	—
S & P Ebor Pr & Bd	−25.9	−25.8
M & G Australian	−26.2	—
Vavasseur ITU	−26.6	−44.0
S & P Invest Trust	−26.7	−46.7
Allied Hambro Int	−26.8	—
Jessel Inv Trust	−26.9	−37.7
National Inv Trust	−26.9	−46.0
Charterhouse Inter	−27.0	−49.7
Jascot Capital	−27.3	−49.0
Stewart American	−27.8	—
Unicorn Financial	−27.9	−38.7
Vavasseur Far East	−28.1	—
Jessel Prop & Gen	−28.4	−31.4
Nat West Financial	−28.4	−35.2
M & G American	−29.1	—
Jascot North Sea	−29.2	—
Schroder Recovery	−29.4	−22.5
M & G Pension Ex	−29.7	−38.9
North American	−29.8	−48.7
Target Financial	−29.9	−33.1
M & G Charifund	−30.8	−35.3
Schroder Special Ex	−30.8	−38.5
Tyndall Exempt	−31.5	−46.8
Tyndall Local Auth	−31.6	−45.0
S & P Financial	−32.4	−33.2
S & P Ebor Financl	−33.5	−41.0
S & P Ebor Energy	−33.7	—
S & P Scotbits	−34.4	−45.1
Financial Priority	−35.9	−39.2
Jessel City of Londn	−39.5	−42.2

A : % growth plus reinvested income since January 1, 1974.
B : % growth over past three years to August 21, 1974.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Francis Parker is pulling out of contracting as profits drop £3m

By Our Financial Staff

The Francis Parker building and building materials group has been forced to write just under £5m off last year's profits to cover contract losses.

Taken together with a virtual doubling in interest charges, to £1.76m, this gives a pre-tax profit for last year of only £1.16m, against £4.38m in the previous year and compared with the £1.92m reported at the interim before the write-offs were made.

The stock market received the news by lowering the shares 3p to 14p yesterday after hearing also that Parker is to pay on September 20 a second interim dividend of 0.63p a share gross in lieu of a final. This makes a gross total for the year of 1.63p against 1.55p.

Parker takes the view that the rate of loss on contracting (mainly local authority work) is "quite unacceptable" and has decided to dispose of its contracting activities during the current year. The cost of the disposal will be fully reserved in the balance-sheet, and the group will bear no further charges from these activities.

Negotiations are well advanced for disposal of the subsidiaries concerned to Mr M. J. Smith and Mr R. J. Davies, the two resident main board directors at Leicester and Manchester where the activities are centred. They will then resign from the company. Shareholders will receive a circular and be asked to approve the disposals at a special general meeting.

Parker blames the "unexpectedly severe" loss in contracting on "unforeseeable rates of inflation, labour difficulties in industrial areas and problems with fixed-price contracts which have only just become fully quantifiable". Elsewhere the group performed "well", as reflected in a rise in pre-interest profits from £6.38m to £7.41.

Mr Charles Strasser, chairman of Photopia International

Photopia excels and again gives 1-for-1 scrip

Presenting a bumper package in the preceding year, Photopia International were also going well at midway this time round. Though things slowed somewhat in the second leg, beset by a "multitude of difficulties", the full-time outturn is a 40 per cent jump to a record £578,000 in pre-tax profit (against 80 per cent after six months), plus a further one-for-one scrip. The shares rose 3p to 30p.

As Mr Charles Strasser, chairman, comments, the results are much better than the industry "average" and we intend to continue our lead". Good news is also forthcoming on the current year, with sales for the opening quarter already 17 per cent ahead of the same period.

Turnover grew 47 per cent to £5.5m in the period, and earnings per share work out at 11.47p compared with 10.19p—a rise of 13 per cent. The dividend in turn is raised from the equivalent of 3.26p to 3.42p, while shareholders are given a share or cash option for this and future payments. The latest dividend is covered five times.

B. Sunley has reservations on prospects

The directors of Bernard Sunley Investment Trust, the property investment, construction and building group, "cannot be optimistic regarding the group trading results for the year to 31st March, 1975", Sir Brian Mountain, the chairman, writes in his annual report. But the asset position of the group remains strong and its prospects continue to be good, he adds.

The report shows net assets of £39.5m or 247p a share, with properties included mainly at 1971 valuations. A £35.5m valuation surplus at June 12th, 1973, has not been written into the books.

Benford profits slip 19pc at halfway

Even though Benford Concrete Machinery achieved a record £1.31m pre-tax in calendar 1973, growth slipped from 34 per cent at halfway to 15 per cent and in the current first half profits were 19 per cent off at £564,00. Turnover was also down, by 5 per cent to £4.13m.

Earnings come out at 1.83p a share, against 2.48p, and the dividend goes up from 0.75p to 0.85p.

Morris & Blakey wilts

Although turnover in the half year to June 20 of Morris & Blakey Wall Papers rose by 8.5 per cent to £2.69m this was not sufficient to offset the heavy increase in overheads. Taxable profits dropped 41 per cent to £104,000, but although earnings a share have been halved to 1.8p the interim dividend is being stepped up slightly from 2.5p to 2.6p. The shares fell 6p to 30p.

Ldn Sumatra cheer

Reflecting better rubber and oil palm crops last year London Sumatra Plantations had higher returns from both its Indonesian and Malaysian estates, the resulting pre-tax profits rising 92 per cent to £792,000.

Turnover was almost doubled to £5.8m. Earnings rose from 1.5p to 2.48p a share and, as forecast, shareholders are to get the maximum dividend increase allowed—from 1.47p to 1.53p.

Barings' profit down

In an interim statement, directors of merchant bankers Baring Brothers report that unaudited figures for the six months to June 30 indicated lower profits than those for the same period in 1973 but more than for the corresponding half in 1972.

Loews' offer for CNA

Loews Corporation of America is now making its promised tender for the share capital of CNA Financial. It will be a common share, and subject to necessary approvals, and will contain "other conditions, provisions and important information".

Loews says it is also unable to predict the effect on its offer of any actions which might be taken by CNA or Accident & Casualty Insurance of Winterthur, Switzerland, or "certain matters being considered by the staff of the SEC" which could impair its offer.—Agencies.

Fairey's Belgian sale

While the board is fully confident of producing a further improvement in group sales and profits this year, the Fairey group has decided to sell its 49 per cent stake in Intersint, a Belgian maker of sintered metal products.

Mining

Union Corp's 47 pc interim surge

Net profits of Union Corporation, the group currently facing an offer of around 380p a share from Gold Fields of South Africa, leapt 47 per cent to R18.5m in the six months to end June. Dividend and interest from investments rose from R9.75m to R15.8m, dealing profits shaded R100,000 to R2.35m, while interest received and fee income jumped from R5.97m to R8.68m.

Charges, including an R1m pension provision, were up from R4.07m to R6.85m to leave the pretax total at R20m (R14.1m).

The dividend has been raised from 7c to 12c a share and the board says that as the subsidiary and associated companies are making substantial retentions of profits, Union Corporation's own payments for the year will represent a higher proportion of earnings than in the past.

Last year, the group paid a total of 24c. The net asset value on August 20 is estimated at R10.53 (658p). The shares rose 3p to 401p.

Domecq taking control of Luis Gordon

Suggesting a possible weakening of the sherry image, news from Luis Gordon Group, following a £129,000 loss on wine and much higher interest charges from increased borrowings, is that a further slice of the equity is to be sold to Pedro Domecq, for whom it is the chief distributor in Britain, and giving Domecq control.

Borrowings reached a level which at a more suitable time would have called for a rights issue. Instead Domecq, which owns 20 per cent of the shares, is to subscribe for 1.73m at 45p each (the ruling market price).

Mr L. G. Gordon and Mr C. P. Gordon, with others of the family, have agreed before the issue to sell to Domecq a further 366,000 ordinary at 41p; the result will be that Domecq's stake will rise to 53.2 per cent of the enlarged equity. After discussions with the Takeover Panel, Domecq will not be obliged to make a general offer.

On turnover for the 15 months to April 27 of £9.49m (against £5.05m for a year), pre-tax profit fell from £551,000 to £517,000 after interest bounding from £47,000 to £203,000.

Costs hamper Hudson's Bay

All merchandising operations showing strength in the first six months, and only marred by upward pressure on costs, Hudson's Bay Co announces net earnings for the half to July 31 up from $C4.02m to $C4.31m, and from 30 to 31 cents a share. Sales increased 22.6 per cent to $C422.07m (excluding furs sold on consignment).

Generally, fur markets remained buoyant, though there were some signs of weakness towards the end of the period. In the natural resource sector, the latest half reflects an increased dividend from Hudson's Bay Oil & Gas (in which it has a 21.2 per cent stake) and a 35 per cent share of equity earnings from Siebens Oil & Gas.

Development Secs slip at midterm

Development Securities, the company which owns the Dorchester Hotel and operates in the construction industry, received a setback in the half to April 30 and does not expect to reach the £1.97m pre-tax achieved in 1972-73.

Out of turnover off by almost 5 per cent to £5.9m, profits slumped 34 per cent to £631,000 after deducting £111,000 for the share of a loss by an associate. After tax and other items the attributable comes out at £269,000 against £539,000.

Even though the company expects an overall decline it hopes to fare better in the second six months than in the first which certainly indicates a figure in excess of £1.25m. It points out that its stake in Edger Investments, now sold, produced a profit of £51,000 in the comparative half.

On the building side the group is connected with the McAlpine business.

COMM BANK, AUSTRALIA

After-tax profit of the Commercial Bank of Australia rose from $8.6m to $9.26m (£5.7m) in the year to June 30. Final dividend of 7c raises total by 1c to 14c.

Briefly

MANCHESTER & LON INV—SHANGRAI ELECTRIC CONS

Board of MLI have been informed by SEC that they have acquired 144,740 ordinary shares which is in excess of 10 per cent of MLI issued ordinary capital.

UNION STEEL (SOUTH AFRICA)

In half to June 30 turnover was R64.5m (R44.5m) and profit before tax R2.45m (R858,000 loss). For full year expected previous forecast of R3m will be exceeded.

MORRIS AND DAVID JONES

Recommended merger between Oriel Foods (a subsidiary of RCA Corp) and company is not being referred to Monopolies Commission.

FIRST SCOTS AMERICAN

Interim net revenue was £478,000 (£514,000) with net asset value of 58.5p (106.5p) a share.

SCOTTISH INV

Gross revenue for 9 months, £945,000 (£877,000). Net asset value a share, 67.5p (108p).

TYNESIDE INV

Interim gross revenue, £191,000 (£161,000). Net asset value a share, 94.6p (127p at January 31).

FIRESTONE TIRE & RUBBER

Third quarter net earnings per share $1.06 (77c); net income $60.5m ($43.9m) from sales $929.1m ($785.6m). Nine months per share earnings, $2.40 ($1.99); net income $136.6m ($113.4m); sales $2,575.5m ($2,244.6m).

SLOUGH ESTATES

Company is making its first move into Germany with the purchase of 4 acres in Cologne on which it will develop 75,000 sq ft of industrial buildings to be valued at £1m. With Mackenzie Hill Company has formed Anglo German Industrial Developments.

RENNIES CONS

For year to June 30 taxed profit rose from R4.6m to R5.9m with total dividend of 20.5 cents on higher capital, against 20 cents.

SECCOMBE MARSHALL

Issue of 100,000 new ordinary shares by capitalization of part of amount to credit of share premium account in ratio of one for nine.

RAYBECK COMMUNITY RETAILERS

Acceptances of Raybeck's offer to acquire outstanding shares of Community Retailers not already owned total 87.2 per cent of shares for which offer was made. Raybeck now owns 97.1 per cent of Community Retailers' issued share capital. And offer has been extended until further notice.

GENERAL INVESTORS

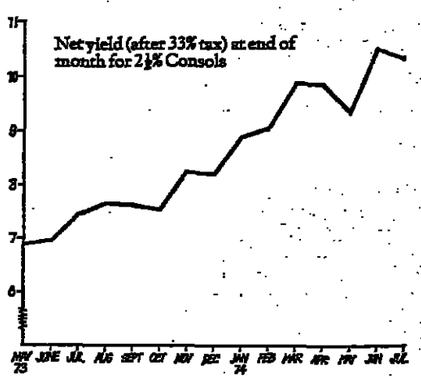
Interim revenue, £542,500 (£432,000), pre-tax is £367,000 (£301,000). Net asset value a share, 82.5p (151p). Dividend, 1.57p (1.5p).

HILL & SMITH

On interim turnover up from £2.57m to £3.62m taxable profit jumped from £137,000 to £264,000.

If you're looking for a guaranteed income for life, there's no time like the present.

Interest rates have risen sharply over the past year, as this graph shows, and annuity rates are consequently now higher than ever before.



So it makes sense if you are 65 or over to use a proportion of your capital now to purchase a Hill Samuel Life Annuity. A Purchased Life Annuity offers an exceptionally high net return, a substantial proportion of the annuity being tax free, and guarantees you an income for the rest of your life.

How much income will I receive?

Annuities without guarantee

The highest possible income can be obtained by an annuity which ceases at death and does not provide for any return of capital in any circumstances.

Examples of gross and net (allowing for tax at 33%) annuities on this basis for men and women between 60 and 80 for a purchase price of £1,000 are shown below.

Annual income for £1000 purchase price

At-tained age	MALES Gross £	MALES Net* £	FEMALES Gross £	FEMALES Net* £
60	159.90	125.94	150.10	116.06
65	174.44	140.30	160.50	126.66
70	195.60	161.08	175.90	141.94
75	226.24	191.18	198.64	164.42
80	270.74	234.84	232.64	197.76

*"After tax at 33% on the taxable portion of the gross annuity—see paragraph "What will my tax liabilities be?"

Capital Protected Annuities

Alternatively you may choose a Capital Protected Annuity which, while offering a lower rate of income, guarantees that if you die before the total gross annuity instalments received by you equal the purchase price you paid, the balance will be returned to your estate.

The following table shows examples of gross and net annuities on a capital protected basis for a purchase price of £1,000—again allowing for tax at 33%.

Annual income for £1000 purchase price

At-tained age	MALES Gross £	MALES Net* £	FEMALES Gross £	FEMALES Net* £
60	151.80	119.98	143.90	111.92
65	161.14	131.38	151.64	120.72
70	174.90	147.20	162.44	132.92
75	193.40	169.16	177.24	150.16
80	217.60	199.24	197.34	174.12

*"After tax on 33% on the taxable portion of the gross annuity—see paragraph "What will my tax liabilities be?"

The gross amounts of these annuities are guaranteed and the net amounts would be affected only by changes in taxation.

The annuities are payable half-yearly throughout life—the first payment being due six months after the purchase price is received by Hill Samuel Life, the last payment being the one due immediately before death.

Rates for other ages will be quoted on request. Also, allowance is made for fractions of a year in age, so that, for example, the annuity for a person aged 65 years and one month would be slightly greater than that shown in the table for age 65.

What will my tax liabilities be?

Under present law, assuming your annuity qualifies as a Purchased Life Annuity, only the interest portion is subject to income tax, including investment income surcharge (if applicable).

The remainder of your annuity is regarded as repayment of capital and is therefore tax free.

Annuities qualify as Purchased Life Annuities unless they are purchased under a pension scheme, in recognition of an annuitant's services in employment, or under the terms of a will or settlement.

How much can I invest?

For the purpose of this offer the minimum investment is £1,000. There is no maximum and no medical or other evidence of health is required.

Hill Samuel Life

Hill Samuel Life Assurance Limited has a record of consistent growth. Its consolidated Life and Annuity Funds stand at over £250,000,000.

Hill Samuel Life has always specialised in annuities and is now probably the country's leading annuity company—in terms of constantly maintaining competitive rates and offering a wide range of types of annuities (for example an annuity which increases regularly either throughout life or for a nominated limited period). If you are interested in other types of annuity, or require a personal quotation or any further information, please contact Hill Samuel Life or your insurance broker.

How do I apply?

Complete the application below and send it with your cheque to the address shown. Your application will be acknowledged and you will be sent full details of your annuity and the appropriate form to complete (Inland Revenue Form PLA1) to enable your annuity to be dealt with as a Purchased Life Annuity, i.e. to be taxable to the extent of the interest portion only. Your annuity payments will commence 6 months from the date we receive your cheque.

Hill Samuel Life Assurance Limited reserves the right to withdraw these rates at any time and you are advised to make your application without delay.

This advertisement is based on Hill Samuel Life's understanding of current tax law and practice.

Hill Samuel Life Annuities

Application for Immediate Annuity in accordance with the terms of this advertisement.

To: Hill Samuel Life Assurance Limited, NLA Tower, Croydon CR9 2DR.
Tel: 01-686 4355 Ext. 231

Surname Mr./Mrs./Miss (Block Capitals Please) _____
First names (in full) _____
Address _____

I wish to purchase a Hill Samuel Life Annuity for £_____ (minimum £1000). If to be 'Capital Protected' please tick ☐. I enclose a cheque for this amount made payable to Hill Samuel Life Assurance Limited. I am a resident of the United Kingdom.

Date of birth _____
Your birth certificate—and if you are a woman who is or has been married, your marriage certificate—should be enclosed.
Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

Instructions for payment: Please pay each instalment of annuity as it falls due
(a) By direct remittance to me at the above address.
(b) To the credit of my bank account (delete as appropriate).
Account No. _____ Name of account _____
Name and address of Bank _____
Insurance Broker's name and address (if you have one): _____

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Shares ahead in thin trading

The stock market rally moved forward strongly yesterday, when the City was cheered by the published view of the chairman of a major insurance company that "within a period of two years or so, the majority of equity share prices will be very much higher than they are today". But turnover was extremely thin—the day's recorded bargains were a mere 5,470, and amplified figures for the previous day disclose equity trading at only £36m.

Gains in share prices were helped by several technical factors. Few speculators wish to carry stock over the holiday weekend, and this leaves the market with only four trading days before the end of the present account. Since any remaining bear closers had good profits to take, these positions were mostly closed.

The net result was a sharp rise in market indices. The *FT* index touched 222, against 199.8 at the lowest point on Monday. Later, however, indices slipped back as interest waned and by the close, the *FT* index at 221.2 had seen its net gain pared to 8.5. *The Times* index, at 87.02, was 2.63 up.

Distillers (91p) did well in response to the statement from the chairman. At 200p, Bats again attracted some good investment demand. ICI (177p), Beecham Grp (174p) and Courtaulds (87p) all closed under their best levels.

Cavenhams (77p), London Brick (28p) and Boots (143p) were others to recover from recent weakness. On the troubled holiday travel pitches, Monitor Holidays dipped to 8p after the trading report but bid hopes continued to spur Horizon Midland, the quoted associate of Court Line; Horizon shares ended at 15p.

Banking shares were firmer with the market. A dull spot at first was National Westminster on disclosure of a loss on the Court Line situation. But by the close, shares in NatWest had recovered to close unchanged at 170p.

Oil shares advanced, despite overnight weakness of Wall Street. BP at 290p gained ground and Burmah and Shell also found support. Insurances continue to recover and property shares added a few pence.

The gilts market was very quiet and prices in all sections were unchanged. There were no fluctuations during the day, little buying or selling and few new developments of any note.

Briefly

MIDLAND EDUCATIONAL

For year to March 31 pre-tax profit was £250,000, against £228,000 (agency correction).

FIRST SCOTS AMERICAN

Net revenue after tax down from £514,000 to £478,000 in half to August 1. Net asset value down from 106.5p to 58.5p. Net dividend unchanged at 0.7p, already announced.

HALLAM SLEIGH & CHESTON

For seven months to March 31 turnover was £1.48m and loss £5,000. Also capital profit of £45,000 from sale of freehold property. No dividend (0.4p in previous full year).

HOWARD & WYNDHAM

Group now holds or has an interest in 2,153,300 Ciro Holdings shares (32.2 per cent), but reiterates it is not intending to make outright bid.

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Ag Mort 13½% 1984 (£99½)	£99¾
Brent Walker 5p Ord	34
Finance for Ind 14% cm (£96¾)	£99½
York Wtr 10% Ord Pf	£100

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Bank Napoalim 15%†		£30
Plantation Hldgs 10‡	Sept 4	37

Issue price in parentheses Ex dividend. a £20 paid.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank ..	12 %
FNFC	13 %
*Hill Samuel	●12½%
C. Hoare & Co ..	*12 %
Lloyds Bank	12 %
Midland Bank ...	12 %
Nat Westminster	12 %
Shenley Trust ..	12½%
20th Cent Bank	12 %
G. T. Whyte ..	13 %
Williams & Glyn's	12 %

* Members of Accepting Houses Committee.

● Demands deposits, £10,000 and over. 11½ %

* 7-day deposits in excess of £10,000 but under £25,000 10½ % over £25,000 10¾ %.

Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies.

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Benford Concrete (10p) Int	0.85	0.75	4/10	—	2.75
Francis Parker (10p) S Int	0.62	0.55	20/9	1.62	1.55
Luis Gordon (10p) Fin	2.6	—	30/10	5.1‡‡	5.0
Liebong Tea (£1) Fin	3.98*	2.0	9/10	10.24	2.0
Ldn Sumatra (10p)	1.53	1.47	1/10	1.53	1.47
Monitor Holidays (10p) Fin	Nil	1.1	—	0.5	1.6
Morris & Blakey (25p) Int	2.6	2.5	2/1	—	5.6
Photopia (25p) Fin	1.78	1.62†	9/11	3.42	3.26†
Union Corp Int	12.0$	7.0$	—	—	24.0$
Victor (Wallsend) Fin	2.56	2.44	2/10	4.13	4.0

† Adjusted for scrip. * Subject Treasury consent. § Cents. ‡‡ 15 months.

COMMODITIES

Daily sugar price at £325

For the fifth day in succession, the London daily SUGAR price was raised yesterday, this time by £5 to a best-ever £325 a long ton. Dealers reported that yesterday's rise reflected the impact of the continuing world shortage rather than specific new developments.

Futures moved up sharply after lunch as fresh buying, attracted by yesterday morning's technical reaction, pushed prices back to the day's highs without meeting much resistance. During the latter part of the afternoon the market held in a fully steady trading range with profit-taking ahead of the long holiday weekend being well absorbed by mixed buying support.

At the close, values were £5.85 higher to £1.50 lower on balance and sales totalled 1,620 lots.

Oct. £353.50-4.00 a long ton. Dec. £305.00-7.25; March. £291.50-2.00; May. £266.25-6.50; Aug. £252.50-3.00; Oct. £250.00-7.00; Dec. £245.00-7.00. Daily prices. 51.56c a lb, 17-day average. 39.40c.

COPPER.—Cash wire bars fell by £2.50 yesterday, while three months gained 50p. Cash cathodes were £3.50 cheaper and three months down by £1. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £768-69 a metric ton; three months, £788-90.00. Settlement, £769. Sales, 3,475 tons. Cash cathodes, £744-46; three months, £768-67. Settlement, £746. Sales, nil.

SILVER was steady yesterday. Bullion market fixing levels:—Spot, 190.30p a troy ounce. United States cents equivalent: spot, 440.1; three months, 456.6c (452.3c); six months, 478.2c (462.9c); one-year, 215.80p (480.2c).

London Metal Exchange morning.—Cash, 190.5-91.5p; three months, 197.5-98.5p; seven months, 206.5-7.0p. Settlement, 191.5p. Sales, 36 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. There was no afternoon session on the LME yesterday.

TIN.—Standard, for cash, rose by £57.50 and three months by £17.50 yesterday. High-grade, three months was £20 dearer. Morning.—Standard: Cash, £3,830-40 a metric ton; three months, £3,760-70. Settlement, £3,760. High grade, three months, £3,725-35. Sales, nil. Singapore tin ex-works, $M1,213⅝ a picul.

LEAD.—Cash metal fell by £1.50, while three months was unchanged yesterday. Morning.—Cash, £234-35.00 a metric ton; three months, £231.50-71.25. Settlement, £235. Sales, 1,600 tons.

ZINC.—Cash metal and three months were respectively £8.50 and £6.25 cheaper yesterday. Morning.—Cash, £155-56 a metric ton; three months, £166-67. Settlement, £156. Sales, 2,080 tons. Producers' price, £350 a metric ton.

PLATINUM fell by 25p yesterday to £79.35-81.25 (£18.5.50-188.50) a troy ounce.

RUBBER closed quietly steady.—Cif's Malayan No 1 RSS.—Sept. 70.75c nominal; 51.00p per kilo: Oct. 70.75-51.00p. Spot: 29.75-30.50p. Settlements: Sept. 29.75-30.50p; Oct. 30.75p nominal; buyers 31.75p seller. Nov. 31.50-32.50p; Oct/Dec. 31.50-32.50p; Jan/March. 32.50-33.00p; April/June. 32.75-33.00p. July/Sept. 32.75-33.00p. Oct/Dec. 33.00-50p; Jan/March. 33.00-50p; April/June. 33.00-75p.

COFFEE.—The Robusta contract fluctuated around the higher levels throughout the afternoon, with the basically firm undertone reflecting reports of a substantial clearance of spot franc zone coffees to the Continent and a limit-up New York "C" contract. Market closed irregular at £6.0 to £12.0 up in sales of 5,207 lots.

Arabicas.—Sept. $65.80-66.00 per 50 kilos; Oct. $68.00-69.00; Feb. $71.90-72.00; April. $72.00-73.00; June. $69.00-71.00; Aug. $72.00-73.00.

COCOA.—Futures achieved new highs in certain positions in the early afternoon due to sporadic covering in from the long holiday weekend. But buyers were later reserved in thin trading and values relaxed. The final tone was steady. Prices finished £21.50 to £6.50 a tonne higher on balance.

Sept. £772.0-2.5 a metric ton; Dec. £766.5-7.0; March. £719.0-21.0; May. £697.0 Nil; Oct. £665.0-6.5; Sept. £665.0-6.5. Sales, 2,644 lots, including two options. ICO prices. Daily, 73.3c a lb, 15-day average, 73.38c, 22-day, 73.98c.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American-French, Sept. £70.75, seller trans-shipment, east coast. A long ton, cif Continental ports allowed. **THE BALTIC.**—Belfast was a prominent buyer yesterday in the imported feed grain market and paid up to £71.75 a long ton cif for Sept trans-shipments of optional maize. Some inquiry was also noted for barley.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin. BARLEY fully steady.—Sept. £58.20; Nov. £61.10; Jan. £63.35; March. £65.40; May. £69.30. WHEAT.—Sept. £58.95; Nov. £61.95; Jan. £65.60; March. £67.40; May. £69.30.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11½% (Last changed 24.8.74)

Clearing Banks Base Rate 12%

Discount Mkt. Loans:—

Weekend: Open 10⅝ Close 10

Week Fixed: 10⅝-11

Treasury Bills: Buying

2 months	11⅝	2 months	10⅝%
3 months	11⅝	3 months	11%

Prime Bank Bills: Buying (Trade) Discount

2 months	12⅝-12½	3 months	13⅛-12⅞
3 months	13⅛-12⅞	4 months	13⅛-12⅞
4 months	13⅛-12⅞	6 months	13⅜-13⅛
6 months	13⅜-12⅞		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	12-11½	7 months	12⅝-11⅜
2 months	12⅛-11⅞	8 months	12⅝-12⅜
3 months	12-11½	9 months	12⅝-12⅜
4 months	12-11½	10 months	12⅝-13⅛
5 months	12-11½	11 months	12⅝-13⅛
6 months	12-11½	12 months	14-13½

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates:—

1 month	11⅝-11⅜	6 months	12⅝-12⅜
3 months	12⅝-12⅜	12 months	13⅛-12⅞

Local Authority Market Rates:—

2 days	11⅛	3 months	12⅜
7 days	11⅜	6 months	13⅛
1 month	11½	1 year	14⅛

Interbank Market Rates:—

Weekend: Open 12	Close 8½
1 week	11¼	6 months	13-12¾
1 month	11⅜	9 months	13⅛-13⅜
3 months	12½-12⅝	12 months	13⅞-14⅛

First Class Finance Houses (Hire Rates):—

3 months	12⅜-12⅝	6 months	13⅜

Finance House Base Rate 13½%

Treasury Bill Tender

Applications £292.2m	allotted £150m
Bids £1.4m	received 56%
Last week £97.19%	allotted 36%
Average rate £11.2402%	Last week £11.2415%
Next week £150m	replace £100m

The Times Share Indices

The Times share indices for 23.08.74 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1935) =

	Index No.	Yield %	Dir. Earn. Ing %	Index No. Yield %
	Latest			Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	87.02	11.82	20.15	84.39
Largest Cos.	87.17	10.36	19.84	84.59
Smaller Cos.	86.70	10.30	21.33	84.79
Capital Goods	89.30	10.25	21.48	85.40
Consumer Goods	101.03	12.96	20.17	97.49
Store Shares	76.37	10.83	13.88	73.58
Largest financial shares	113.79	7.93	—	112.63
Largest financial and industrial shares	92.56	10.62	—	89.67
Commodity shares	192.35	6.00	13.21	187.45
Gold Mining shares	533.59	5.29	6.80	537.64
Industrial debenture stocks	70.80	8.91*	—	70.79
Industrial preferencestocks	48.14	14.40*	—	48.31
3½% War Loan	23	15.71*	—	23

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below —

	High	Low
Lifetime	198.47 (15.08.72)	43.44 (16.07.58)
1974	136.18 (25.02.74)	80.11 (19.09.74)
1973	198.39 (12.01.73)	120.99 (14.12.73)
1972	195.17 (15.08.72)	174.49 (10.01.72)
1971	174.77 (31.12.71)	122.52 (02.03.71)
1970	145.79 (14.01.70)	110.75 (26.05.70)
1969	171.98 (31.01.69)	122.38 (28.07.69)

* Adjusted to 1964 base date. * Flat interest yield.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range)	Market rates (close)
New York	$2.3120-3240	August 23rd $2.3230-3240
Montreal	$2.3240-2700	$2.2710-2790
Amsterdam	8.22½-26pm	8 25½-26½pm
Brussels	58.35-85pf	58.45-58pf
Copenhagen	14 06-15k	14.11¾-14¾k
Frankfurt	6 11¾-12¾pm	6.12¾-13¾pm
Lisbon	89 15-65c	89 45-95c
Madrid	132.75-133.65p	133.35-95p
Milan	1522-30lr	1526-30lr
Oslo	12.80-84¼k	12.83-84½k
Paris	11.13-21¼f	11 20-21¼f
Stockholm	10 30-36¾k	10.35-36¾k
Tokyo	700-05y	705-05y
Vienna	43 10-60sch	43 40-60sch
Zurich	6.95-98f	6.96¼-97¼f

	Market rates (day's range)	Market rates (close)
New York	38-32c prem	150-144c prem
Montreal	96-72c prem	250-240c prem
Amsterdam	3⅝-2⅝c prem	8⅝-7⅝c prem
Brussels	15c prem-3c disc	36-30c prem
Copenhagen	16 prem-26 disc	4p prem-2½ disc
Frankfurt	¾-2¼pf prem	11-10pf prem
Lisbon	125c prem-38c disc	150c prem-130c disc
Milan	1-10lr disc	25-21lr disc
Oslo	2-3½ prem	14½-13½ prem
Paris	1-4c disc	5-3c disc
Stockholm	3c prem-par	7-4½ prem
Vienna	40-10gro prem	60-50gro prem
Zurich	2¾-1¾c prem	9¼-8¼c prem

Canadian dollar cross rate against United States dollar $1.0194-97.

Eurodollar deposit rates: 11⅛-11¼ seven days, 11⅝-12⅛ one month, 12⅝-13 three months, 13¼-13½ six months, 13¾-14¼ nine months, 13¾-14⅛ one year. Gold, am. $154.00 pm. $154.25.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

6 STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
Airtmas 8¼ 1988	79½	81½
American Motors 9 1989	84	86
Anglo-American 7¼ 1987	68	70
Ashland 8 1987	81¼	82½
Australasia 8 1987	79½	81½
Bitco 7¾ 1987	64½	66½
Bluebell 7¾ 1987	70¼	72½
Bristol 8½ 1979	85	85
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989	82½	84½
Burlington 7¾ 1987	79¼	80½
Cadbury 7¾ 1990	67	69½
Carrier 8 1987	80¾	81¾
Colombia 8¼ 1988	83	86
Cons Food 7½ 1991	79	80
Copenhagen County Auth 7¾ 1987	78½	80
Coventry 8¾ 1981	87	89
Coventry 8¼ 1980	85	85
Credit Foncier 8¾ 1988	85¼	85½
Cutlor Hammer 8 1987	83½	83½
Dana 8 1987	80¼	81¾
Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990	79	80
Denmark Mtge Bank 7¾ 1991	75½	76½
Dundee 9¼ 1983	88	90
Escom 9¼ 1989	90	92
EIB 8¼ 1988	86	88
Eurofima 8¼ 1989	86	88
First Chicago 7 1980	86½	87½
First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984	80	82
Fisons 8¼ 1987	72½	74½
GATX 8¼ 1987	80	81½
General Cables 8¼ 1987	73	75½
Guardian Royal 8 1987	75	77
GHH 7¾ 1988	76½	77
Hambros 7¾ 1987	72	74
Hammerslg 8 1987	72	74
Hilton 7¾ 1987	64	66
ICI 7½ 1992	72	74
International Util 8¼ 1982	83	84
Kleinwort 8¼ 1987	74	76
Lancashire 9½ 1981	90	92
Legal & Gen Ass 7¾ 1988	71½	73½
Manchester 8¼ 1981	82½	84½
Mexico 8¾ 1991	77	80
Michelin 7¾ 1988	76	77½
Mitsubishi 8 1989	93½	94
Motorola 8 1987	85½	86½
Nat & Grindlays 7¾ 1987	73	74
National Coal Board 8¼ 1988	82	84
Norges Komm 7¾ 1990	88	90
N A Rockwell 7¾ 1979	93½	95
N A Rockwell 8¼ 1987	81½	83
Nottingham 8¾ 1979	85	87
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	81	83
Pennwalt 8¼ 1987	80	82
Quebec Hydro 8¼ 1989	90	92
Quebec (Province) 7¾ 1988	78¼	79½
Queensland 8¼ 1987	82	84
Ralston 7¾ 1987	80½	81½
RHM 8 1988	71	73
SAS 8 1987	80½	81½
Scancraft 7¾ 1990	77	80
Scancraft 8¾ 1988	88	89
Shell 7¾ 1987	80¾	81½
Singapore 7¾ 1987	80	82
Slough 8 1988	78	80
South Africa 8 1987	78	80
SIB 7¾ 1987	78½	80½
Standard Oil 8¼ 1980	92½	93½
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	90½	91½
Standard Oil 8¼ 1988	82½	83½
Stenprint 8 1987	80	81½
Tenneco 7¾ 1979	93¾	94½
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	74	75
Textron 7¾ 1987	77	78
Town & City 8 1988	58	60
Transocean Gulf 7½ 1987	82	83
Union Oil 7 1979	88½	90½
Union Oil 7¾ 1987	80½	81½
UDT 8¼ 1988	64	66
Utah 7¾ 1979	91	93
Utah 8 1987	80½	81½
Venezuela 8¼ 1987	80	82
Volvo 8 1987	80	81
Wallcome 8½ 1987	68¾	70½
Wm Glyns 8¼ 1987	75½	77½

5 CONVERTIBLES		
AMF 5 1987	50	52
Alaska Int 6 1987	40	43
American Express 4¼ 1987	66	68
American Motors 6 1993	75	—
American Medical 5½ 1993	32	34
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	64	66
Beatrice Foods 6¼ 1991	85	87
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1992	73	75
Borden 5 1993	68	70
Borden 6¾ 1991	83	85
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	61	63
Carnation 4 1987	62	64
Cummins 6¼ 1986	73	75
Damon 5¼ 1987	40	42
Dart 4¾ 1987	83	85
Asia Navigation 6¼ 1989	63	64
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	73	75
Eaton 5 1987	63	65
Ford 5 1988	66	68
Ford 5 1986	74	76
Fedders 5 1992	34	36
Gillette 4¾ 1987	65	67
Gould 5 1987	66	68
General Electric 4½ 1987	73	75
Halliburton 4¾ 1987	94	96
Harris 5 1992	34	36
Honeywell 6 1986	70	72
Hongkong Land Com 7½ 1980	82	84
Kloeckner Labs 4¾ 1987	73	75
Laton 5 1987	63	65
Ford 5 1988	66	68
Ford 5 1986	74	76
Fedders 5 1992	34	36
Gillette 4¾ 1987	65	67
Gould 5 1987	66	68
General Electric 4½ 1987	73	75
Halliburton 4¾ 1987	94	96
Harris 5 1992	34	36
Honeywell 6 1986	70	72
Hongkong Land Com 7½ 1980	82	84
Kloeckner Labs 4¾ 1987	73	75
ITT 4¾ 1987	59	61
ITT Sheraton 6½ 1989	67	69
J Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	99	101
J P Morgan 4½ 1987	93	95
Mohasco 5 1987	64	66
Nabisco 5¼ 1988	65	67
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	78	80
J C Penney 4¼ 1987	74	76
Revlon 4¾ 1987	72	74
Ramada 6¼ 1986	43	45
Rank Org 4½ 1993	44	46
Sime Darby 5½ 1988	53	54
Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988	74	76
Slater Walker 5¼ 1987	56	58
Southland 5 1987	69	71
Upjohn 4¾ 1987	—	—
United Overseas Bank 6¼ 1988	50	52
Warner Lambert 4¼ 1988	65	67
Warner Lambert 4¼ 1987	69	71
Xerox Corp 5 1988	72	74

NON-$ BONDS		
BASF (FF) 7½ 1987	65	67
Bass (FF) 7½ 1987	58	60
Bat Ind Fin (FF) 7½ 1987	60	62
Brascan (DM) 8½ 1988	84	86
RLMC (FF) 7½ 1987	55	57
Charter (FF) 7½ 1987	56	58
Charter (DM) 6¾ 1968/83	73	74
Courtaulds (DM) 6¾ 1968/83	77	78
Denmark (DM) 9¾ 1980	96½	97¾
Denmark (FF) 7½ 1988	67	69
ITE (FF) 7½ 1988	62	64
Escom (DM) 7¾ 1975/88	69	70
Esso (DM) 7¾ 1988	82½	83½
Gndyear (DM) 6¾ 1973/87	79½	80½
ICI (DM) 8 1971/85	85	86
Lafarge (FF) 7½ 1987	65½	66½
Nat West (DM) 8¼ 1988	81½	82½
Occidental (DM) 6¾ 1969/76	92½	93¾
Sumitomo (DM) 8¼ 1978/85	83	84
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7½ 1988	82½	83½
Trans Euro Pipeline (DM) 8¼ 1993	73½	74¾
Voest-Alpine (DM) 8½ 1988	89	90

DM=Deutschmark issue. FF=French Franc issue.

Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

Wall Street

New York, Aug 23.—Wall Street stocks fell sharply today.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 17.83 to 686.80 and the New York Stock Exchange index was 0.65 down at 37.55. The Dow Jones average was below the 700 mark for the first time since July 8, 1970.

Declines led advances 1010 to 349. Volume was 13,390,000 shares, compared with 15,690,000 yesterday.—AP-DJ.

NY sugar down limit

New York, Aug 23.—WORLD SUGAR futures turned sharply lower in late hectic trading which saw prices slip as much as the 1.00c limit after having been at the limit again in the afternoon. Volume was heavy at 3,754 lots. Spot 33.80c up 0.80c; Sep. 34.20-34.10c; Oct. 34.90-34.70c; Jan. 34.80c nominal; March 36.80-36.60c; May 34.40-34.20c; July 33.80c; Sep. 21.17-21.08c; Oct. 20.97-20.83c.

COCOA.—Cocoa reversed the 1.50c losses to finish best at 0.40c to 0.55c above Sep. 85.00c; Oct. 82.70c nominal; Dec. 79.50c nominal; March 77.45c; May. 80.50c; July 80.00c nominal; Sep. 80.50c nominal; Dec 80.95c nominal.

Spots: Ghana 10½, Bahia 95.

COFFEE.—Tone very steady 82 sales. Aug. unquoted; Sept. 66.10-65.70c; Nov. 62.60-62.30c; Dec. 62.35-62.50c; March. 62.50-62.50c; May. 62.70c; July. 62.80c.

SILVER.—Comex silver remained in lower ground through the balance of the session, closing with a 7.10c to 5.00c loss. Volume was 5,154 lots. Aug. 340.50c; Sept. 350.10c; Oct. 353.20c; Dec. 360.50c; Jan. 367.50c; March. 377.00c; May. 385.20c; July. 393.70c; Sept. 400.00c; Dec. 408.40c.

COPPER.—Tone very steady. 631 sales. Aug. 74.00c; Sept. 74.50-.80c; Oct. 77.10c; Dec. 80.10-.60c; Jan. 80.50c; March. 81.80c; May. 81.50c; July. 82.50c; Sept. 82.50c.

COTTON.—Futures closed unchanged to 0.50c up. Volume was about 1,000. Oct. 50.50-.60, 50.70c; Dec. 50.75-.80c; March. 52.15c; May. 53.30c; July. 54.20c; Dec. 51.30c.

WOOL.—Grease wool closed with bid prices virtually unchanged. Two lots sold. Crossbreds were unsold. GREASE WOOL.—Spot. 135.0c nominal. Oct. 134.0-134.5c; Dec. 135.0c; March. 135.2-135.5c; May. 136.5-136.0c; July. 137.5-137.5c; Oct. 139.0-139.5c; Dec. 133.5-134.5c. CROSSBRED.—Spot. 90.0c nominal; Oct. 92.0-88.5c; Dec. 80.0-90.0c; March. 78.5-85.5c; May. 75.5-85.5c; July. 80.0c; Oct. 87.0c; Dec. 65.0c.

Chicago Aug 23.—SOYABEAN COMPLEX was strong most of the day, finishing mostly on limits in meal and beans, with oil adding 0.50c to 1.00c several times. SOYABEANS.—Sept. 780c; Nov. 767-776c; Jan. 770-71c; March. 776c; May. 780c; July. 780c; Aug. 770c; Sept. 775c nominal. SOYABEAN MEAL.—Sept. $160.00-160.50; Oct. $154.50; Dec. $171.70; Jan. $173.00; March. $176.00; May. $178.00-179.00; July. $179.00. SOYABEAN OIL.—Sept. 58.50-58.70c; Oct. 57.50-57.70c; Dec. 55.55-55.70c; Jan. 54.90c; March. 54.70c; May. 54.50c; July. 53.50c.

GRAINS.—Wheat closed easier, maize firm and oats mixed. WHEAT.—Sept. 439-440c; Dec. 351.50c; March. 350c; May. 346-347c; Jul. 335c. MAIZE.—Sept. 356-357c; Dec. 365-366c; March. 364-365c; May. 371-370c; July. 370c. OATS.—Sept. 154c; Dec. 150c; March. 153½c; May. 173½c.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.3230 (£2.3116); three months, $2.3079 (£2.2956); Canadian dollar, spot, 1.0194-97; three months, 1.0194-97. The Dow Jones spot commodity price index rose 0.60 to 502.97. The futures index was 0.91 down at 350.20.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 686.80 (↓ 704.63); transportation, 145.07 (↓ 146.73); utilities, 61.16 (↓ 61.55); 65 stocks, 210.60 (↓ 215.90). New York Stock Exchange index: industrials, 41.40 (↓ 39.20); transportations, 37.91 (↓ 38.43); utilities, 29.26 (↓ 29.53); financial, 36.98 (↓ 37.92).

Foreign Exchange

Sterling firm in quiet markets

Foreign exchanges were very quiet yesterday in advance of the August bank holiday. Sterling was firm against the Continental currencies and also moved higher against the dollar.

After opening at $2.3150, the pound gained ground to close at $2.3200, up 60 points. The trade weighted devaluation narrowed to 18.0 per cent, 0.2 per cent lower than on Thursday.

Gold closed at $154¼, down $¼ on the day.

Discount market aided by Bank

In the discount market yesterday fresh credit came out a little unevenly and houses found it necessary to take help from the Bank of England once again. This was provided on a moderate scale by way of Treasury bill purchases directly from the banks.

Rates during the early part of the day touched 11 per cent, or even 11⅛ per cent in places. Later they eased to 10 per cent or 10⅛ per cent and final balances were taken over the range of 10 per cent to 10⅛ per cent.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Fund

Authorised Unit Trusts

1973/74 High	Low	Bid	Offer	Trust	Bid offer Yield

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Barnett Hse, Fountain St, Man 2. 061-236 9775

48.1	23.5	Giants	21.4	23.7e	5.40
43.6	24.3	Do Accum	23.7	24.5	5.40
44.7	21.4	Growth	19.8	21.8e	6.00
23.2	22.1	Do Accum	20.3	22.5	6.00
45.5	25.8	Income	23.2	25.8e	9.00
40.9	27.4	Do Accum	24.8	27.4	9.00
21.2	17.1	Int Accum	16.1	17.1	3.50

Abbey Unit Trust Managers.

72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks 0296-5941

20.3	13.6	Abbey Capital	13.8	14.3	5.99
47.5	23.4	Abbey General	22.7	24.2e	4.21
25.0	16.0	Do Income	15.0	16.8	8.74

Albany Trust Managers Ltd.

14 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2. 01-588 6371

61.3	42.7	Albany Trust	39.7	42.7e	4.52
53.1	30.3	Do Income	28.2	30.3e	8.71

Allied Hambro Group.

Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex 01-588 2851

71.6	36.9	Allied Capital	35.9	38.2	6.96
65.1	36.2	Do Int	35.1	37.4e	6.79
69.2	36.7	Brit Ind 2nd	34.8	37.0e	7.18
29.7	19.4	Growth & Inc	19.4	20.6e	7.14
19.3	17.5	Elec & Ind Dev	17.1	18.2	7.30
37.6	28.4	Met Min & Cmdty	26.9	28.7	8.47
58.1	34.1	High Income	33.5	35.5	8.02
38.8	20.2	Equity Income	20.1	21.3e	8.77
24.6	16.7	International	15.8	16.7	2.10
30.0	22.0	High Yield Fnd	23.3	25.0	12.00
113.4	53.3	Hambro Fund	53.0	56.4	6.39
33.1	20.2	Do Income	20.4	21.6e	9.50
98.5	51.5	Do Recovery	48.2	52.5	10.87
38.1	13.1	Do Smaller	12.4	13.2e	8.40
29.9	14.6	Do Accum	14.3	15.2	6.24
21.1	17.0	2nd Smaller	16.0	17.1	7.70
58.4	34.1	Secs of America	32.0	34.1	2.93
101.6	68.5	Exempt Fnd	65.3	100.3	6.72

Anshacher Unit Management Co Ltd.

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42.4	23.4	Nth American	21.6	23.4	9.33

Barclays Unicorn Ltd.

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25.0	25.0	Unicorn Amer	23.7	25.0	3.50
69.5	44.4	Aust Income	42.0	45.4e	5.04
73.8	32.4	Do Accum	49.5	53.5	5.04
45.5	35.0	Unicorn Capital	34.5	36.9e	5.00
7.5	3.5	Exempt	3.6	4.0e	5.00
23.2	13.9	Extra Income	13.4	14.3	10.76
64.6	32.0	Financial	31.3	33.5e	6.07
36.6	34.2	Unicorn 500	32.0	34.2e	8.75
34.6	15.6	General	15.3	16.3e	8.36
48.8	18.6	Growth Accum	16.9	18.0e	7.22
75.3	37.6	Recovery	36.9	39.3e	9.49
25.0	18.1	Recovery	17.6	18.8	8.31

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CHANCELLOR.—On 22nd August, 1974, peacefully, at Hays, Sedgehill, Wilts, Eva Linton, aged 87 years, widow of Herbert St Vincent Chancellor, formerly of Hill House, Wincanton. Mother of John and the late Niall and Hope. Funeral at St. John the Baptist Church, North Cheriton, on Wednesday, 28th August, at 2.30 p.m. No flowers.

CUTHBERT. LESLIE STUART.—Peacefully, on August 20, aged 71. Funeral, Friday 30th, 11.45 a.m., Putney Vale Cemetery, Kingston Rd., Putney Vale, Surrey.

DISNEY.—On 20th August, Lt.-Col. Henry Anthony Patrick Disney, M.T.C., Rotha, aged 81, peacefully at Headbourne Worthy House, Winchester, beloved husband of Kathleen, and father of Hugh and John, and the late Patrick and Anthony. Funeral private.

DRAKE.—On 21st August, 1974, at Taunton, after a short illness, the Rev. Frederick Seguier Drake, O.B.E., Professor Emeritus of the University of Hong Kong.

DYSON.—On August 22nd, of 26 Chevet Lane, Sandal, Wakefield, Eric Richard, aged 70 years, beloved husband of Dorothy, dear father of John and father-in-law of Nicola. Funeral Wednesday, August 28th; service, St. Helen's Church, Sandal, at 10.50 a.m., followed by private cremation, Wakefield City Crematorium, at 11 a.m. No flowers or letters, by request.

FISCHBEIN.—On 22nd August, William James (Bill), peacefully at home. Dearly loved husband of Lois.

GARDNER.—On 23rd August, W. G. E. (Vic), husband of Mary, and father of Patricia and Sally, at 32 Mayfield Way, Mendlesham. Previously of 92 Normandy Avenue, Barnet. Funeral, Wednesday, 28th August, 2.30 p.m., at Mendlesham Parish Church.

GAULD, LILIAN JEAN, on August 21st, Widow of Joseph Christopher, of Ivydale Rd., Nunhead, S.E.15. Funeral Thursday, 29th at 12.20 p.m., Honor Oak Crematorium. Flowers to F. Chappell & Sons, 231 High St., Bromley, Kent.

GOURLAY.—On 22nd August, 1974, at Marston Bank, peacefully, Sybil, beloved wife of James Gourlay. Funeral at Markeaton Crematorium, Derby, at 11.45 a.m. on Wednesday, 28th August. Family flowers only please.

HALLETT.—On 23rd August, 1974 in hospital, Lady Winifred, widow of Sir Hugh Hallett and mother of Antoinette Harland. Service Golders Green Crematorium, Thursday, 29th at 2.45 p.m. No flowers by request.

HERBERTSON.—On August 23rd, at his home, 7 *Westbourne Mansions*, Fulham, James John William Herbertson, M.V.O., O.B.E., aged 90. Dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. No mourning or flowers, please. Funeral private.

HUXTABLE.—Suddenly at Southport on 22nd August, 1974, Aubrey aged 57 years, Managing Director of Opliquality Limited. Cremation at Southport on Wednesday, 28th August. All enquiries to Seddons, telephone Southport 4191.

JAMES.—*On 21st August, 1974, at* Samaritan Hospital, Elsie (nee Mitchell) aged 82. Much loved mother of Josephine and Dostree. Cremation at Mortlake Crematorium, Richmond, at 3.30 p.m., Wednesday, 28th August. Flowers J. H. Kenyon, 81 Westbourne Grove, W.2.

KING.—Walter Henry King M.B.E. of 7 Priestlands Park Rd., Sidcup, died on 22nd August peacefully at Queen Mary's Hospital. Chairman of Queen Mary's Hospital Management Committee, and *former Deputy Manager* of Tate and Lyle's Silvertown Depot. Service on Friday, 30th August at St. John's Church, Sidcup at 11.45 a.m. followed by interment at Chislehurst Cemetery. Family flowers only by request. Enquiries Francis Chappell, 300 4661.

KIRBY.—On August 23, 1974, peacefully at her home, 19 Arundel Road, Eastbourne, Mary Margaret, in her 92nd year. Much loved mother of the late Surgeon Lt.-Commander R.N.V.R. and *Ursula Beresford*, beloved grandmother of Aden and Jenny, adored by her six great grandchildren. Funeral service at Eastbourne Crematorium, on Thursday, August 29, at 11.00 a.m. Family flowers only.

LEIGH.—On 22nd August, suddenly, Laurence Brian, of Oakmount, 26 Chessington Avenue, London, N.3, aged 39. Beloved husband of Julia and dear father of Richard, Stacey-Jane and Sasha. Funeral service at Bushey Jewish Cemetery, on Sunday, August 25, at 5.00 p.m.

MacGREGOR.—At 05.40 on Friday, 23rd August, peacefully, after a period of illness, at Nobles Hospital, Douglas, L.o.M. Major Donnchadh Tearlach (Dochie) MacGregor, E.R.D.

MACLENNAN.—On 23 Aug., 1974, peacefully at her home, Ellchoan, East Abercrombie St, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire, Margaret Bruce, wife of the late Hamish A. MacLennan. Service in St. Michael and All Angels Church, William St, Helensburgh, on Tuesday, 27th August, at 2.30 p.m., and thereafter to Cardross Crematorium.

MILNE-THOMSON.—On 21st August 1974, at Sevenoaks Hospital, Professor Louis Melville Milne-Thomson, M.A., F.R.S.E., C.B.E., devoted husband of Gertrude and beloved father of Joan, Aileen and Margaret. Funeral private. No letters or flowers please.

NICOLLS.—On August 23, 1974 at Green Banks, West Chiltington, Lt. Col. Jasper Henry Nicolls, D.S.O., much loved husband of Dona and father of Ann. Service at Pulborough Parish Church on Wednesday, August 28th at 2 p.m., followed by private cremation. Flowers to H. D. Tribe Ltd. F.D., 21 West St., Storrington. Tel. 2585.

RITCHIE, THOMAS HAROLD WILSON RITCHIE. Doctor of Medicine, Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander, R.N.V.R. (retired), died suddenly at his home, Hollie House, Burton Hastings, Nuneaton, on 20th August, 1974, at the age of 67. For many years he had been in medical practice in Bedworth, Nuneaton. He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter.

SEABROOK.—On 20th August, 1974, at Ingham Old Hall Nursing Home, Ingham, Norfolk in her 92nd year, Ethel Marion widow of W. P. Seabrook, O.B.E. Cremation private.

STEDMAN.—On August 22nd, 1974, at Aldbourne, Wiltshire, Alfred Redvers, beloved husband of Ruth and father of John, Eleanor, Michael, Pamela and Alison.

DEATHS

TROTTER.—*On August 21st, 1974,* suddenly, William Alexander Trotter, aged 86 years, of Kitford Mead, Cowden. Funeral, Thursday, August 29th, private. Flowers and enquiries to W. Hodges & Co., Sevenoaks 54357.

WATSON.—On August 21, peacefully in his sleep at home, 71 Bell Street, Henley on Thames, Alexander Downie Watson. Prominent and well-known member of the community. Beloved husband of Pit and dearly loved father of Sandra and Jackie. Funeral Reading Crematorium, Thursday, August 29, 3.30 p.m., and enquiries to Tomalin & Son, 48 New St., Henley on Thames. Tel. 5370.

WEST, GEORGE, *of the Suffolk Regiment*, late of Burma and the *only surviving* son of the late Francis George West, of Bortham Hall, Thaxted, Essex, in Brighton General Hospital, 2nd August, 1974, and cremated 12th August, 1974.

WHEELER.—On August 22nd, 1974, Charles Thomas Wheeler, K.C.V.O., P.P.R.A., beloved husband of Muriel and father of Robin and Carol. Funeral at St. Nicholas Church, Codsall, Staffs, on Thursday, August 29th, at 3 p.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CHENAPPA.—The Memorial Service for Mrs. Violet Chenappa will be held at the Parish Church of St. Andrew, Hornchurch, Essex, on Sunday, September 1st at 3.00 p.m.

GRIFFITHS.—The memorial service for the Rev. James Wilmot Griffiths will take place at the parish church of Westcote Barton, Oxfordshire, on Saturday, August 31, at 3 p.m.

NORMAN.—A memorial service for *Major-General Charles* Wake Norman, late 9th Lancers, will be held at Holy Trinity, Sloane Street, on Monday, 16th September at 12.15 p.m.

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